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PREFACE.

The present volume (the fourth of the series) extends from the beginning of the year 1708 to 1 August 1714, when the reign of Queen Anne terminated; and the papers answering to the entries are now contained in bound volumes, numbered CV. to CLXXIX.

This period includes:—

(1.) The end of the treasurership of Lord Godolphin;

(2.) The few months when the Treasury was in Commission (August 10, 1710 to May 30, 1711);

(3.) The whole of the treasurership of the Earl of Oxford; and

(4.) The commencement of that of the Duke of Shrewsbury.

The proceedings and ceremonies upon the appointment of a Lord High Treasurer have a certain amount of interest, and it may not be out of place to insert here the account given of them by Mr. Lowndes on the appointment of the Earl of Oxford to that office. It is entered by Mr. Lowndes on a fly-leaf of the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII.

"Memd that the Rt Honble Robert Harley, Esqre, Chancellor and Under T̃rer of her Mats Excheqr, one of the Comrs for executing the office of T̃rer of the Excheqr, and one of her Mats most honble Privy Council was in May 1711 created Earle of Oxford & Earle Mortimer and Baron Harley of Wigmore, and having first taken his place in the house of Peers, her Maty on the 29th day of ye same month (the anniversary for restoracõn of the Royal family) delivered to him at her pallace of S^{t} James, the staff whereby his Lordp̃ had the office of high Trẽar of Great Britain. And on the —— day of ———— 1711 her Ma^{ts} Lrẽs patent passed under the great seal, whereby he was constituted Trẽar of her Ma^{ts} Excheq^{r} during her pleasure. And that on the first day of June 1711 (being the first day of Trinity term and the Parliam^{t} then sitting) his Lor^{p} was sworne in the Courts of Chancery & Excheq^{r} at Westm^{r}. In order to which his Lo^{p} about eleaven in the forenoon came to the apartm^{t} of the Auditor of y^{e} Receipt (Lord Halifax) where a great number of the nobility and other persons of quality attended him, and with them his Lo^{p} went thorow the Receipt side of the Excheq^{r} into West^{r}hall, and (shewing respects to the Courts of Cōon pleas & Queens bench as he passed by) went into the Court of Chancery, where the Lord Keeper Harcourt, administred to his Lordp̃ (kneeling upon cushions in the middle of ye Court) the oaths of allegiance & supremacy, and the oath for the office of Lord Treãr; which done his Lo^{p} with the Lord keeper went to the Excheq^{r} Court, and the Lord Keeper having placed himself next to y^{e} Lord Chief Baron Ward, made an eloquent oration to y^{e} Lord Trẽr, who all that while stood without the bar; And having heard the speech as also the Lrẽs patent for constituting him Trẽr of y^{e} Excheq^{r} & y^{e} Writt of Attendance read, his Lo^{p} entred into the Court, where he was sworne according to custome, then took his place in Court betweene y^{e} Chief Baron & Lord Keeper, heard a motion made ꝑ M^{r} Ettricke, and had y^{e} keys dd̃ to him ꝑ Lord Halifax; w^{ch} being redeliverd, his Lo^{p} attended by y^{e} Barons went into y^{e} offices of y^{e} Queen's Remembrancer, Trẽr's Remembrancer, Clerk & Comptroller of y^{e} Pipe & saw the Records there, and afterwards went up into the Receipt side, where his Lo^{p} saw some of y^{e} Records in the keping of the Chamberlains, & a Bill throwne downe from the Teller's Office into y^{e} Tally Court, & a Tally levyed. From thence into the Auditor's Office next y^{e} water, taking notice of the books of entry there: From thence into y^{e} Pell Office, where his Lo^{p} saw y^{e} books & some of the Records, and afterwards into one of the Teller's Office to see their methods. From whence coming downe stairs the comp^{a} sepated, and his Lo^{p} went to the House of Peers.

Mem^{d}. The Mace was carryed before his Lo^{p} from the time he went from my Lord Hallifaxe's apartm^{t}. It should have been from his owne house if he had proceeded from thence, but he came in the Queen's coach from Kensington.

Mem^{d} also that when y^{e} Earl of Rochester was sworn Trẽr to King James y^{e} 2^{d} I saw his Lo$^{p's}$ patent carryed before him by Henry Guy & Francis Gwin, Esq^{rs}, his Lo^{ps} secretarys, and when my Lord Godolphin was sworne into y^{e} said office in 1702, I carryed his Lo^{ps} patent in y^{e} same quality, walking just before the Mace, and I ought to have carryed y^{e} Earl of Oxford's Patent at the proceeding here related; but it was delivered to his Lo^{p} in y^{e} Excheq^{r} ꝑ my Lord keeper.

W$^{M.}$ LOWNDES."

In the preface to the First volume of this Calendar, p. xvi, is noticed an attempt to reduce the business of the Treasury Board to a system, and another effort in the same direction is chronicled in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 177, 12th August 1710:

" A paper to determine the days on w^{ch} my Lords will sitt for particular business in every week is read & approved in the words following:—

Every Monday, forenoon & afternoon.—For peticõns & reports with the business of Scotland & Ireland.

Tuesday, forenoon.—Treasurer of the Navy or his instrum^{ts} wth their mem^{lls} for navy & victuall^{g}.

Afternoon. — Comm^{rs} of the Customes with their presentm^{ts}, &c.

Wednesday, forenoon.—To make up & consider the paper of cash for that week drawn from all the weekly certificates.

Ditto, afternoon.—If her Ma^{ty} pleases. To attend her Ma^{ty} with the cash paper for her to make the disposicõn, and to lay before her such cases as shall be proper for her direccõn, and such warr^{ts} &c. as pass y^{e} Roy^{ll} sign man^{ll}.

Thursday, forenoon & afternoon.—Being a Councill day, to be reserved, unless there be ext^{y} business.

Fryday, morning.—The severall payma^{rs} of the forces wth their instruments, & the Sec^{ry} at Warr to attend with their mem^{lls} for money.

Afternoon.—The Auditor of Imprests & Auditors of the Revenues about their accounts, the Remembrancer about the process, and the Agents about the taxes.

Saturday.—To be reserved, unless there be extraord^{ry} businesse.

The underwritten to attend upon sũmons only:—Comm^{rs} of

Navy, Victualling, Sick & Wounded & Transports, Board of Ordnance, Com̃issioners of Excise, Salt dutys, Stamp dutys, Wine Lycences, Hackney Coaches, & Hawkers & Pedlars, the Postma^{rs}, the Attorny & Sollicitor Generall, Comptroll^{rs} of the Army Accompts, the Sollicitors of the Treãry, Surveyo^{rs} of the Lands & Woods, Surveyo^{r} of the Works, Auditor of the Plantacõns, and many others."

It was further stated in the preface to the First volume that many of the papers admitted of classification. Some have therefore been brought together in this and the previous volumes. A general description only has been given of them, as they contain but little information. They are either put at the end of the year to which they relate, or under their last date. Many papers of the Pay Office, Transport Office, Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, &c. are thus treated.

In the department of the Treasury, which had the purse strings in its hands, a large number of applications for money would necessarily be made, which would have little interest for any one except the persons immediately concerned. There have consequently come down many such papers and memoranda relating to money transactions in the Treasury, and the per-centage has perhaps increased in the present volume. They have been very briefly noticed.

Various reports will be found in this and the previous volumes in which the facts of the case are set forth without the expression of any opinion as to what ought to be done upon them. An indisposition to take the responsibility of advising was probably the reason. The persons making the report not unfrequently conclude by leaving the remedy to the wisdom of the Lord High Treasurer. Now this in all probability was not what he wanted. What he *did* want was their opinion, and that they did not give. On 11 July 1709 the Lord High

Treasurer ordered a paper to be minuted thus:—"Send "to the Com^{rs} Navy that my Lord doth not find they have "given any opinion, and directs them in this and all "other cases where matters are referred to them to "report their opinion very expressly;" CXII. 50.

Some of the matters that have been noticed by the Editor in the preparation of the Calendar as possessing some interest will now be set out under heads, as in the prefaces to the previous volumes.

Biography.

Joseph Addison.

A petition of the accomplished Joseph Addison occurs under date 27 Jan. $17\frac{09}{10}$ (CXX. 22), when he was keeper of the records in the Birmingham Tower, in Ireland. He was pressing to have the records methodically digested and referred to in proper catalogues, and also for such a salary as would give him assistance to enable the business to be proceeded with. The Lord Lieutenant (Wharton) recommended 500*l.* a year. The subject was brought before the Queen, and 400*l.* a year was ordered. His salary was on 4 Oct. 1715 increased to 500*l.* per ann. *See* the warrant in *Irish Book*, Vol. VII., p. 8.

William Paterson.

Two letters from William Paterson, who established the Bank of England, and was the means of starting the ill-fated Darien expedition, and who also claimed to have formed a scheme for the union between Scotland and England, are hereafter calendared. The first is here given entire, as showing his efforts to get his claims recognised. (*See* CXIII. 39.) The second draws attention to other of his schemes (CLXXIV. 3). A committee reported on his claims upon the African and Indian Company of Scotland that in their opinion 18,241*l.* ought to be paid to him (CLIX. 43.)

My Lord, Westminster, April 4th, 1709.

The dependence I have had upon the public for a settlement in its service, or some way or other to have a recompense for what I have done for now seven years of Her Ma^{tys} reign, besides former losses, hath at last so reduced me and my family that, without a speedy provision and support from Her Ma^{ty}, I must unavoidably perish.

It was the dayly hope of some suitable provision from the Government which first ingaged and afterwards inclined me during all that time to support myself, by borowing in an expence triple to what might have sufficed in a retired life without publicke business or prospects.

The expectation of my claim on the equivalent hath kept me up for the last two years, but since that is still postponed, and as it now stands, I can have no releif till next session of parliament, and then instead of ready money, expect only debentures on the growing equivalent. I am thereby reduced to [the] utmost distress.

The inclosed petition to Her Ma^{ty} contains the sum of my case which necessity obliges me now to represent, and I most humbly intreat yo^{r} Lordship, of whose goodness I have had such particular instances, to interceed with Her Ma^{ty} now at last to take some immediat care of me and so to establish me for the future that I may be preserved and be made further usfull during the rest of my life.

Humbly hoping for yo^{r} lordships speedy and effectual care of me in this distress.

I am,
My Lord,
Yo^{r} lordships
most faithful humble servant,
Will^{m} Paterson.

[Unaddressed, but to the
Lord High Treasurer.]

William Penn.

There are several notices of William Penn, the proprietor and governor of Pennsylvania. Under 23rd July 1709 (CXV. 21) a report of the Commissioners of Trade is described, which states that Pennsylvania, under Penn's able rule, had begun to develop its natural resources, and was becoming a thriving colony. Our government probably perceived that such resources in the hands of a subject might some day become dangerous. The Commissioners indeed considered that his powers were capable of being extended so as to diminish the Royal prerogative. At the same time they bore testimony to Penn's great ability and industry, for he had transformed a desolate wilderness into a well peopled colony. When Penn became desirous of parting with some of his powers, he commended the people of his persuasion, as well as the other inhabitants, to Her Majesty's protection. The Attorney-General made a report on this proposal to surrender his government to the Queen. (*See* 25th February $17\frac{11}{12}$, CXLIV. 31.) The soil and mines Penn, however, proposed to retain. From the minute respecting this transaction entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 151, 15th March $17\frac{11}{12}$, it might be urged by those who are ready to find defects in his character that he was endeavouring to get the best of the bargain. He wanted 20,000*l.* for the purchase, and when questioned as to how he made out his claim, produced his Deputy Governor, Col. Evans, whose letter (CXLIV. 6) gives an estimate of the revenues there; but the Lord High Treasurer discovered that the estimate was made out in New England money, which Mr. Penn allowed was 25 per cent. worse than sterling. By the minute on the back of the paper, it appears Penn was to receive 12,000*l.* for the sale. A warrant was signed on 6th Sept. 1713 for 1,000*l.*, presumed to be part of that amount.

At the time of this negotiation his health had become shattered, and there is a holograph letter from him speaking of his weakness, which compelled him to wear his night gown, in which he says he should make an odd figure if he came to the Treasury (CXLIV. 40).

LORD RANELAGH.

Three papers occur under date 30th November 1709, 5th June and 13th July 1711, illustrating as well the method of accounting in the Exchequer, as the biography of Lord Ranelagh who had been paymaster of the Forces, and had been concerned in heavy transactions with that department. In his account up to 1701, he had upwards of 4½ million disallowed for want of proper vouchers (CXXXIV. 8). The examination of these accounts took the Auditors of Imprest three years. Although he had resigned his office in 1702, he was still (1711) not freed from his liabilities, and was pressing the Lord High Treasurer for a supply for himself and clerks, who had all this time been employed on his accounts. He says fair words will neither pay clerks nor go to market, and it is nearly two years since he received anything, and that less than 1,000*l*. will not make him tolerably easy and further that he has neither place nor pension with seventy years and a great many debts upon his back. Broken in health he applied to his dear friend Lowndes to get him a thousand pounds ordered to help him to proceed to Bath for his recovery (CXXXV. 29, CXXXVI. 41). There is further a report upon the memorial of his daughter who was his administratrix (CLX. 20).

THE COLONIES.

An interesting report on the affairs of several of the Colonies, as to how far they were self-supporting, what were their revenues, and what were the salaries of the Governors, will be found in Vol. CLXXIV., No. 56.

FINANCE.

From the Revolution (before which there are very few papers) to the end of the reign of the Queen, being about a quarter of a century, the resources placed at the disposal of the Treasury seem to have always been unequal to the strain put upon them; and this perhaps accounts for repeated applications being sent in. Those Departments or individuals who had money transactions with the Government were fortunate who had their claims satisfied without difficulty. There was still anxiety lest sick seamen should be exposed to perish in the streets (CXXXVI. 24.) Governor Hooke threatened when there was no subsistence left for the prisoners of war at Plymouth, to let them out to shift for themselves, for he could not keep a guard on men to starve them (CXXXVI. 17, CXXXVIII. 43, CXLIII. 36, CXLIV. 32, CXLV. 33.)

HISTORICAL NOTICES.

THE POOR PALATINES.

A large number of refugees, consisting of Palatines, Swabians, and other Germans, were encouraged to come to this country. They came in such numbers as to embarrass the Government. They were most of them Protestants and had fled from oppression. The Government made various arrangements for their support. Some were encamped at Blackheath, and others at Camberwell, tents being ordered for them. Commissioners were appointed to collect and dispose of the funds to maintain them, and to settle what should be done with the people themselves. The care of the Commissioners even extended to the length of having little books printed for their use. The two Commissioners at Rotterdam thought they were doing great things for England and for these people by helping them to come over, but it proved otherwise (CXXXII. 47). A portion of those who came were drafted to Ireland, another portion to Hudson River, and a third portion reshipped to Rotterdam, the last receiving in money five guilders each. Those who were sent to Ireland in September, October, and November, 1709, consisted of 821 families, of whom 263 only remained on April 4, 1713 (CLX. 5). 40*s.* per annum for seven years were allowed to buy stock, &c. to 312 families, consisting of 1,218 persons, who remained in Ireland on 21 November 1711 (CXXXIX. 39). Several interesting particulars are given of this portion who went to Ireland in the papers referred to in Vol. CXXXIII., No. 47, as well as in a representation by the Commissioners appointed to settle them in Ireland, dated 4 April 1713 (CLX., 5), who say that they readily conformed to the Liturgy of the Church of England, but that they required protection from their Irish neighbours.

Those who were placed at Hudson River were instructed in the art of making tar (CXXXVII. 25). The Lords of Trade proposed to employ 3,000 of the Palatines in the production of naval stores in New York. The latter entered into a contract by which the adults were to receive 6*d.* and the children 4*d.* a day until they could subsist themselves (CXLIX. 2).

Henry Bendyssh, gentleman, the Secretary to the late Commissioners for the poor Palatines, petitioned to be recompensed for his trouble in that business, and was fortunate in getting 1,000*l.* ordered and 100*l.* additional in consequence of his being so long without his money (CLXXVII. 44).

THE MARQUIS OF GUISCARD.

A petition of the Marquis of Guiscard (who was afterwards arrested for treason, and whilst under examination attempted to stab Mr. Harley with a penknife) will be found under 16th December 1710 (CXXVII. 12). He states that Her Majesty *had* granted him a pension of 500*l*. per annum, but had not signed a warrant nor appointed a fund for it, and asks that it may be made up to 600*l*. per annum. Two days later Her Majesty intimates to Mr. Lowndes her inclination to grant him a pension not exceeding 500*l*. a year, and recommends the same to the Lords of the Treasury. His animosity to Mr. Harley for opposing this pension is the reason attributed for this attempt at assassination in the *Annals of the reign of Queen Anne,* Vol. IX., p. 339.

The charges of taking care of the Marquis whilst in Newgate demanded by the keeper of Newgate, the surgeons, doctor, and coroner, amounting to upwards of 290*l*., will be found referred to under date 25th July 1711. (*See* Vol. CXXXV. 41). One of the items is "to "repair the damages done to the floors and ceilings of "two rooms by the salt water that ran out of his coffin, "5*l*." These charges were reported on by Mr. Borrett on 10th September 1711 (CXXXVII., 21.)

THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR.

The conclusion of what had been a very unpleasant business to our Government is given in a paper of 25th July 1710 (CXXII. 64). It had its origin in the arrest of the Russian ambassador for debt in the year 1708. The bill of our own Ambassador Extraordinary to the Czar of his extraordinary disbursements for making his public entry, and for treating the Czar and his principal ministers and officers (who he says came daily to him), amounted to the very moderate sum of 1,210*l.*, which was ordered to be paid. He stayed there in his ambassadorial character 105 days.

MEDICAL SCIENCE.

The purification of infected goods was an expensive process if Dr. Maynwaring's proposals were carried out. For a bale of hemp of a ton weight, a pound of medicine, value 10*s.*, would be required. It would take four hours and the labour of six men. The doctor's fees would be 2*l.* 2*s.*, besides which a double booth must be erected 60 feet by 20, and the men would be liable to infection (CXVII. 19). In the doctor's proposal he gives some account of his experience in the great plague of 1665, the dangers he went through in visiting the sick, &c. So far as he knew in the year 1709 he was the only surviving physician who had been so occupied. In another paper (CXXXI. 25) it is stated that Howfort in the Medway was the place proposed for the disinfecting process, and the inhabitants of Chatham, Gillingham, and Strood were alarmed for the consequences.

SCOTLAND.

Consequent upon the union of the two nations, Scotch affairs continue in this volume to require a good deal of consideration from the English Treasury, and communications from the Barons of the Exchequer and the Commissioners of Customs of Scotland are frequent. The justices [of the peace] in Scotland sympathised with the old state of things, and were not only not disposed to convict smugglers and others who contravened the excise laws, but in Shetland they set the officer of customs in the stocks. (*See* Vol. CVI. No. 60.) Another zealous officer was smartly upbraided by the Lord President for searching the house of the Earl of Stair for brandy which had been run on the coast (CX. 38). In the Island of Fleet (where those who were in charge of certain captured brandy had been barbarously wounded, so that they were frightful to look at) the justices were the persons most concerned in running the goods, and the greater number of those engaged in this illegal business were tenants or servants of two of the justices. Not a constable would assist the captors of the goods (CX. 7). Indeed it may fairly be inferred from the papers that the justices of the peace had a very strong leaning towards the offenders against the Excise and Customs' laws. The Commissioners of Excise charge them with acting directly contrary to the law (CXIII. 56). Even when they did punish, their punishment of the delinquents was so light that it acted rather as encouragement (CXIII. 60). If it were pleasant to the President [Sir Hugh] Dalrymple to get his excellent claret passed by his relation, the collector at Port Patrick (CXIII. 44), why should those who regarded a stronger beverage with affection be molested in their national and natural taste? If the law laid heavy penalties on the offenders, the justices in their discretion made them light, and it is not difficult to see who would be most popular, the sympathetic justice or the punctilious commissioner.

Sir Alexander Rigby, who was the complainant against the President Dalrymple's doings, was in turn complained against by his brother Commissioners of Customs. They wrote that his temper and expressions had caused a ferment all over the country against him, and that they believed that such an unruly and revengeful temper was never in any man, save one, who was most justly styled the common enemy of mankind. He was, moreover, involved in debt (CXIV. 19).

Another of the family of Dalrymple (the Lord Advocate) was anxious to smooth matters for the merchants who had imported wines illegally. He says that if prosecuted a good many of them would be ruined, but if favoured it might beget a better opinion of the Union and greater confidence in the administration of justice, which last proposition could hardly be very intelligible to honest traders. As, however, these latter appear to have been in a small minority, perhaps the Lord Advocate did not much consider them. (*See* CXV. 6.) A way out of the difficulty was suggested by Mr. Baron Smith, viz., that the merchants should pay 4*l.* a tun more than the Spanish duty (CXV. 7).

Trade and Manufacture.

These subjects continue to be illustrated. The poor dealers in old clothes seem (so far as the trade was concerned) to have enjoyed an immunity from taxation until "some cunning body" discovered that they might be compelled to take out licences under the Hawkers and Pedlars Act. The matter being referred to Sir Edward Northey, his opinion was that they came within the Acts. They were, however, excused from further process on condition that they took out licences at the following Midsummer. (*See* CXII. 12, 17 Jan. 170$\frac{8}{9}$).

Mr. Philip Ryley observes on 13th Feb. 17$\frac{09}{10}$ that in most cases when duties are laid on retailers, the subject pays twice as much as the public receive. Thus he says that 3*d.* per barrel on ale has already raised that commodity $\frac{1}{2}$*d.* per quart (CXX. 42).

The Royal Lutestring Company complain of their losses and disappointment in being obliged to employ English weavers, by the clamours of the people against the engagement of Frenchmen. The company was seeking Her Majesty's protection and assistance. The rivalry between the English, the Lyons, and Dutch manufactures is illustrated. There were 507 weavers employed by the company in 1695. Their names are given and likewise the nature of the branches of their handicraft (CXXXIX. 19).

The Stamp Duties.

Some of the frauds and evasions of the Stamp Duties are detailed in a paper of 6th Sept. 1709. The Commissioners complain of the artfulness of the people in finding expedients to defraud the revenue; one stamp was made to serve for several things. Stamps from old deeds, &c. were cut off and used again. An attorney had made a stamp serve more than ten times, and the attorneys commonly charged stamp duties for five or six sheets, when by close writing they only used one. An attorney who was Deputy Registrar to an Ecclesiastical Court, instead of writing marriage licences on a 5*s.* stamp, merely sent a note to the curate to marry the couple and pocketed the fees and stamp duties. (*See* CXVI. 6).

Miscellaneous.

An attempt to set up a rival Post Office, under the name of a Halfpenny Carriage in London and Westminster, by one Mr. Povey, is reported on by the Postmaster General. Mr. Povey evidently was not disposed to relinquish the undertaking without a struggle; for though his receiving houses gave up their opposition, he and his messengers continued to receive and deliver letters (CXX. 33).

The Attorney-General's opinion is given as to the power to grant part of a common by copy of Court Roll (CXLVIII. 10).

An economical suggestion is made by John Bishop, a marine store dealer. Instead of allowing the waste books in public offices to be sold in a mass, he proposed that where they had good bindings, the covers should be carefully taken off and used again several times. He says this would save 1,000*l.* per ann. The Lord Treasurer thought it was worth consideration, and Mr. Bishop was to hear further. His Lordship also had his suspicions that some one was making a perquisite out of these waste books (CLI. 25).

A scientific instrument invented by Mr. Cawood, consisting of a new sort of magnetic needle, designed to stand due north and south, without any variation, was unfavourably reported on by Sir Isaac Newton and Mr. Halley, as it was weak in virtue and uncertain in its position, and for the most part it had a variation like other needles (CLII. 13).

A curious proposal is made to induce learned and good men to go over to the plantations, viz., to allow each poor clergyman of Virginia (having less than 20*l.* per annum) a hogshead or two of tobacco customs free. Piety and good literature, it is added, would thus be advanced (CLXXVIII. 48).

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? 1707 or 1708. 1. Petition of Peter de la Brissoniere, captain and engineer, to the Queen. Served in the war in Ireland and Flanders till 1695–6. In 1706 her Majesty gave him a company. The regiment was soon after "broke." Prays the pension of a Captain of Foot and Engineer in Ireland. ? 1707 or 1708. 1 *page.*

1707 or 1708. 2. Estimate of public expense anno 1708, and ways and means proposed to answer the same. 8 *pages.*

1708. 3. "Estimate of the 20,000 men, troops of augmentation, and of add^{l} forces since taken into the service of her Maj^{tie} and the States Gen^{l} with the charge thereof for the year 1708." 2 *pages.*

1708. 4. Estimate of 40,000 men to act in conjunction with the forces of the allies in the Low Countries, with the charge thereof for the year 1708. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 5. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise, Scotland, to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Had received the Attorney General's opinion in answer to that of the Lord Advocate on the cases of the proprietors of the two sugaries at Glasgow, and that of Mr. Forbes of Culloden, for his lands of Ferintosh. The collectors had demanded the duties, but were refused payment under protest. The Lord Advocate adhered to his former opinion. Presumed it would not be proper to lay informations before the justices of the peace for the duty, being truly persuaded that they should not obtain judgment contrary "to the said opinion," [*i.e.*, of the Lord Advocate] which was there of very great weight. Returned all the papers as his L^{p} might judge them proper to be laid before parliament. Mr. Ross, one of their number, who had been on a survey at Glasgow, Aberdeen, and other places for about six weeks, had returned to the Board. Dated Edinburgh, 3 Jan. 1707-8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 6. 6. The same to the same. Major General Maitland, Governor of Fort William, claimed exemption from excise for that garrison by a letter of the late King; presumed the duty might be 100*l.* per ann. Mr. Ross, on his survey at Stirling, was refused entrance into the sutlery at the Castle, the serjeant pretending that as it was a garrison

1707–8. it was exempted. Col. Erskine, the Governor, was then in London. Dated Edinburgh, 6 Jan. 1707–8. Copy of the letter named. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 7. 7. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord [High Treasurer] upon the encroachments made by new buildings on the wall of the royal garden near St. James's. Found two encroachments lately made on the garden wall on the south side of Pall Mall, one by Mr Bedford, an upholsterer, the other by Mr Wincle, a brazier. On his Lordship's reference in July 1703 on the memorial of Mr Henry Wise, complaining of several encroachments on St. James's Park, and that the park wall was demolished in several places, he [had] found many encroachments on the park wall, and particularly that part which bounded the royal garden on the north, where many persons had not only raised terraces with vaults under them, and fastened their timbers in the wall, but in some places had built rooms with low chimneys, to the annoyance of the neighbourhood as well as the garden. These buildings upon, or within the ancient wall, ought to be demolished and the wall built up as formerly, at the charge of the encroachers; unless her Majesty should grant them a lease, reserving a small rent to preserve the right of the crown. This was ordered accordingly; but there being no method prescribed he found the encroachments were continued, and others by their impunity had been emboldened to make new ones. His predecessor, Sir Charles Harbord, a person of great ability and experience, always insisted "that there does (*sic*) a freebord of right belonging to all the royal parks" that is, so much vacant ground without the enclosure, as was requisite for erecting scaffolds and bringing and laying materials for building or repairing the same, which carried its own demonstration of reason. Was of opinion that her Majesty's Attorney General should be directed to prosecute the encroachers, that they might be compelled to demolish the buildings erected on or fastened to the wall, and build it up as formerly at their own charge; without which no end was likely to be put to these invasions on the right of the crown. Dated 7 Jan. 1707.

Minuted:—"To Mr Attor. to proceed according to law for her Mats service." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 8. 8. Sir Alexander Rigby to ———. Things look cloudy on them at the Exchequer, and the Ld Advocate and others tell them that in all times the Exchequer went against the interest of the crown, especially since James I. left Scotland "either for the sake of some consideration given, for afinity, or to help a neighbour, the people in this country never looseing a sheepe for an half penny worth of tarr, never failing to stand by one another, if in blood; and neighbours seldome faile neighbours," &c. A new Exchequer must be set up, and equal justice might be done, or the fraudulent merchants would run all manner of goods, though a thousand officers watched them; but the natives must not be absolutely excluded. If Sir James Stuard, the Lord Advocate, were made one of the Judges of the Exchequer, it would have a great effect, provided there were a majority of English. He (Sir James) was the most influential person in that country. Last night, the writer says, "wee were before the Lords of the Committee for examining witnesses relating to the Danish Dogger." An advocate named Carnagey reasoned that it was necessary for the concerned to sail with false papers and despatches to deceive the privateers at sea, and he said it was as needful for merchants to be prepared against the attacks of the privateers at land, meaning the Queen's officers of Customs. This so nettled the collector, who stood by, that the writer had much to do to keep him from taking the advocate by the nose. These people were not under a right influence. Many of the discontented already ran after this young fellow, and clapped him on the back. Dated Edinburgh, 8 Jan. 1707–8. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 10. 9. Establishment of Major-General Farrington's regiment of foot to commence from 24 Dec. last. Dated 10 Jan. 1707–8. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Jan. 12. 10. M. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Was commanded by the Duke of Marlborough to beseech that directions might be given for engrossing the contracts for bread, &c. for the ensuing campaign, as the time drew near. Dated 12 Jan. 1707–8.

Minuted :—"Ordered." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 15. 11. M^{r} Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes by command of his Royal Highness [Prince George of Denmark], desiring him to move the Lord High Treasurer as to the furniture of the Cleveland yacht. Dated 15 Jan. 1707–8.

Encloses copy of the letter of Capt. Byron, commander of the yacht, thereon. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[About Jan. 15.] 12. Petition of Ann Christian, widow of W^{m} Christian, late customer of Whitehaven, for further assistance. The 25*l.* ordered her being spent. Her husband had served the crown 66 years, the crown owing him 979*l.* for services done in former reigns. She was 72 years of age and not likely to trouble his Lordship many years longer.

Minuted :—"15 Jan^{ry} 1707–8. M^{r} Compton to place her on his list for 25^{li}." 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 13. Report of the Right Hon. J. Howe (Pay Office) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the out pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, praying payment of 7 months arrear. 313*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* were due to clear them. Dated 15 Jan. 1707.

Encloses the petition and a list.

Minuted :—"15 Jan. 1707–8. Ordered. The list annexed to the a^{ts}." $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Jan. 16. 14. Copy of report of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasuer about the debt due for stores sent to Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands. Dated 16 Jan. 1707–8.

Enclosed is a debtor and creditor account of the same. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 15. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Since the Justices there had adjudged $\frac{1}{17}$th to be deducted off the charges made by the officers upon the brewers in Edinburgh, upon

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account of the difference of the measure, many brewers at Glasgow, &c. refused payment of their duty, unless they had the same allowance. This would make it difficult to recover the duty. They were cautious in laying informations before the Justices, perceiving them very much inclined to favour the people, so that a speedy settlement of the measures would be a considerable advantage to the revenue. Dated Edinburgh, 17 Jan. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 17. 16. An Abstract of Mr Vander Esch's accots as paymaster to the Dutch, Danish, and Saxe Gotha troops, between 31st December 1688 and the last of July 1700. Subscribed by E. Harley & H. Mainwaring 17 Jan. 1707–8. 1¼ *pages.*

Jan. 19. 17. Mr H. St. John to Mr Lowndes about an office for the seven general officers who were to inspect and regulate the clothing of the army according to the proposals laid before the Duke of Marlborough by the board of general officers. Dated 19 Jan. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 18. The Marquis of Kent [Lord Chamberlain of the Household] to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring payment of the bills for Sir Cloudesly Shovell's funeral, 687*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* Dated 20 Jan. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 22. 19. The Comrs of Customs to William Lowndes, Esq. Four ships were put ashore to the north of Aberdeen, one a Dunkirker of 44 guns. In the unfortunate fleet from Holland there were 10 ships bound to the East Indies, two of which were Dunkirkers, which had obtained Dutch passes and despatches, a thing very extraordinary. People were under a great concern for the remainder of this fleet for there was no account of more than 14 out of the 40 odd, and except they were in the Murray Firth north of Fraserburgh (the rest of the coast being the most dismal in Scotland) a sad account was expected. Three ships were reported as lost on the coast of Caithness, which is the extremity of the north, and one had the crew drowned.

P.S.—Search had been made after the private grants of the Treasury, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 22 Jan. 1707–8. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 20. H. St. John to the same. The general officers of the army having to hold the same office as was lately held by the controllers of the army, the writer desired to know if they were to be attended by Mr King, and what allowance would be made for clerks. Dated 24 Jan. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"26 Janry. My Lord directs Mr K[ing and] ye clerks in ye late Controllers office to attend ye genll officers, and that ye genl officers may use ye ho ye late comptrs kept their office in till further ordr." 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 21. The Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The frauds practiced by the brewers in Edinburgh were so very many, that they believed it absolutely necessary that they should be surveyed by night as well as by day. They had officers ready and hoped in ten days so to settle the divisions, that they might fall into courses, much after the method used in London. The charge would be about 200*l.* per ann. Dated Edinburgh, 24 Jan. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 22. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him the affidavit of Henry Nash, commander of the revenue smack employed at Gravesend, in which he was joined by his mate; complaining of insults and unwarrantable practices of the Dutch men-of-war, and proving that Capt. Vandergoes, the Commodore of the last Dutch convoy, sent his Lieutenant to Captain Nash to let him know that, having searched two of their boats, if he went abroad any more they would beat his brains out. Very great quantities of goods were carried on shore, night and day, during the stay of the men-of-war, and though they saw them delivered to people on horseback ready to receive them, yet Captain Nash durst not search the boats or stop the goods. Testifying also to further rough usage, threats, &c., praying that a stop might be put to these evil practices, and further that strict orders might be given to the Governor and officers of Tilbury Fort, forbidding them to receive any uncustomed or prohibited goods, and requiring them to assist the officers of the customs. Dated 26 Jan. 1707.

Enclosed is the affidavit referred to.

The presentment is *minuted*:—"Read 27th Jan^{ry} 1707. An extract of the first part to be made & đd to M^{r} Vryborge, & he to be desired to rep̃nt this matter to the States so effectually that due care may be taken to prevent these evil practices for y^{e} future, otherwise her Ma^{ty} must be moved to represent the same to y^{e} States Gen^{ll} herselfe.

"Đd to M^{r} Vryberge accord^{gly}, 30th Jan^{ry} 1707–8, and he says that as to the searching the Dutch men of war that come hither he dos not believe the States will agree to that till her Ma^{tys} ships of war submit to be searched in Holland, but he will write p̃ssingly to the States to give strict orders to y^{e} capt̃s not to receive any goods or merchandize on board them." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 26. 23. Memorial of the Postmasters General (Cotton and Frankland) to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that their officers, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* per ann., might be freed from taxes. The salaries of the officers in the General and Penny Post offices were very small, considering the constant attendance by day and night which their duty obliged them to, and which rendered them incapable of following any other employment, whereby they might get anything towards the support of their families. Dated 26 Jan. 1707. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 24. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Miles Fleetwood, merchant, who retrieved at his own hazard a beneficial trade to England, which was before lost with the Government of Egypt. Having been chosen consul of the English factory there, he was oppressed with such severe usage that he was forced to repair to England in hopes of redress; but had no recompense for many thousands of pounds, though the establishment which he effected still remained. The Levant Company's reply to this was that they had advanced 2,000 dollars towards the settlement, &c., and that Mr Fleetwood was appointed Consul of Grand Cairo, and received the whole duty of consulage without making good one penny to the company. It still remained a doubt whether that trade would answer. All this seemed to contradict the petitioner. As he was unacquainted with the laws and rules of the customs, they could not report him qualified for employment therein as he sought.

Copy of the same with the following *minute*:—"Read 25th Oct. 1708. My Lord concurs in opinion wth the C. Cust." Also the petition. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 27. 25. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Martin Killigrew, Esq., complaining that the Lisbon packet boats, which had for 17 years been managed at Falmouth, were lately removed from thence to Flushing, to the great damage of the customs and prejudice of the petitioner's estate at Falmouth. Had heard the petitioner and Mr Trefusis thereon, and it seemed to them that the pier of Falmouth was in all respects equally commodious and safer for the packet boats than the key of Flushing, at which place, under colour of victualling, &c., they found opportunities to export and import many uncustomed and prohibited goods. Without regard to private interests, they advised that the boats should resort to Falmouth, whereby the revenues would be more secure. Dated 27 Jan. 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 15 Mar. 1707–8, 29th Do, p̃nt Comrs Cust. Postmar Genll, Mr Trefusis & Mr Killigrew. My Lord directs the Comrs Cust to prepare such instrucõns as they thinke prop to be given to the Mars of the packet boats relating to ye carrying goods out & home. My Lord will thereupon consult ye Postmars Genll."

The petition referred to, and a list of goods seized out of the packet boats. 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 28. 26. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance sent to Mr Lowndes to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer by command of the Duke of Marlborough. The office was in arrear to the artificers 18 months, the debts being very great. They could not at reasonable rates dispose of their debentures, because they were not allowed interest after six months as in other offices. Dated 28 Jan. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Jan. 28. 27. Report of Sir Simon Harcourt, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Governor and Company of merchants trading into the East Indies, and of the English Company also trading there, praying for a *nolle prosequi* to be entered on an information as to the Queen's share of forfeitures, pretended to be exacted under an Act of the first year of King James I., entitled "An Act for the due garbling of spices." The Attorney General says the informations had been exhibited without his privity, and in the name of a common informer, and he could not find that the like information had at any time, since the making the Act, been exhibited against the East India Co, and no encouragement should be given thereto. It was reasonable to order the *nolle prosequi* and there was no objection in point of law. Dated 28 Jan. 1707.

The petition, which states that since the Act was passed the course of trade had very much altered, there being then no spices, except pepper, brought into the Queen's dominions out of the East Indies, but most part of the spices were imported out of Holland into England, and such drugs as were imported by the petitioners and sold by them were garbled by the buyers. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 28. "Instructions for Capt. John Arnot of the Earl of Portmore's Regiment, relating to the prisoners taken in Spain and now in France." Dated at Whitehall, 29 Jan. 1707–8. Signed H. S^{t} John. The Captain was to proceed to Paris and apply to Mons. Chamillard to obtain leave to visit the quarters of the English prisoners, for the more regular subsisting and taking the necessary care of them, to get an exact account of them, distribute subsistence, &c. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 29. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq^{re}. Had sent for Collector Bruce and Surveyor Ogilvie from Kirkcaldie, and they had made oath of M^{r} Carnagey's behaviour at a Committee of the Lords of the Exchequer. Had advice from Collector Dalrymple from Port Lochrayan, that the French privateer, which some time since seized a rich Liverpool ship outward bound, having landed her hostages, &c. in France, was returned to Lockrayan, and had taken a bark belonging to the river Clyde, and another belonging to Irwin, and other vessels, which made a great "alarum" in the west of that country. Sir Robert Dickson had complained to the Council and many wondered that the Dunbarton man-of-war, Captain Campbell, was not abroad but lay at Greenock. The merchants of Glasgow said if care were not taken their trade to and from the river Clyde would be ruined, and this French rogue coming thus boldly back was the more afflicting, for in February, March, and April most of the Glasgow trade returned from the Canaries. In the road of "Yla," one of the islands of the West Highlanders, was cast ashore a North British ship from Stockholm to Port Glasgow, with iron, which the country people pillaged. It were to be wished a law were made as in the kingdom of Naples, for the security of poor mariners and stranded effects. M^{r} Snelgrove had come from Northumberland about the building of sloops, and they thought to send him and Captain Beach to the North, to see if ropes, canvas, and other materials might not be bought cheap from the Dutch, whose ships could not be got off. Dated Edinburgh, 29 Jan. 1707–8.

The affidavit referred to. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 30. Reports, petitions, &c. relating to the estate of the Lord Griffin in her Majesty's hands, of which James Griffin, Esq^{re}, his grandson, was endeavouring to obtain a lease, &c. The estate consisted of the manor of Dingly and lands in Braybrook (Northamptonshire). The first is dated in 1704 and the last (which is only a copy) on 29 Jan. 1707–8. 26 *pages.*

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Feb. 4. 31. Certificate of the plate delivered out of the Jewel house to Rt Hon. Sir Charles Hedges, one of H.M. Principal Secretaries of State. Signed :—" Robert Sedgwick." Dated 4 Feb. 1707. ½ *page.*

Feb. 4. 32. Warrant from the Marquis of Kent to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for the supply of the second troop of Horse Guards, with standards and banners " for the kettle drum and trumpets of that troop," with the alteration in the arms appointed upon account of the union with Scotland.

The warrant appears to have been executed 4 Feb. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Feb. 5. 33. Memorial on behalf of Mr Portman " to the Right Honble Mr Chancellr of the Excheqr as to watering Hyde Park." Signed: " Tho. Houghton." Dated 5 Feb. 1707. ½ *page.*

Feb. 5. 34. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of David Pugh, merchant, who complained that they had stopped the credit of Mr Gyde, their agent at Jamaica, by suffering a bill to be protested. This being the last account of Mr Gydes, who for mismanagement was superseded, the Comrs were of opinion they ought not to accept this bill of Mr Pugh's till the vouchers for Mr Gydes' account had arrived. Dated 5 Feb. 1707–8. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 5. 35. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Crosby, of Bocking, in Essex, carpenter, Nathaniel Boosey of the same place, " baymaker," for themselves and other inhabitants of the parish, in relation to a fraud committed by the collectors of the taxes, which was detected by the petitioners who had prosecuted the collectors at a cost of 165*l.* Dated 5 Feb. 1707–8.

Minuted :—" 20th Feb. 1707–8. The petrs to have the fines " [set upon the collectors]. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 36. Copy of warrant of H. St John to the Paymaster-Genl of the Forces for payment of additional levy money. Dated 7 Feb. 6 Anne. 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 37. H., Bp of London, to the Lord High Treasurer asking for a bounty of 20*l.* for Mr James Jones who was going as chaplain to Jamaica, to pay his passage. Dated 7 Feb. 1707. *A few lines.*

Feb. 7. 38. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Col. Robert Hunter, praying a consideration out of the quit-rents of Virginia or otherwise, for the loss of his equipage when taken prisoner by the French in his way to his government of Virginia, being placed at other disadvantages as a prisoner, and rendered incapable of entering upon his government. Gives an account of the state of the quit-rents to show in what manner the petitioner might be compensated. It was his (Mr Blathwayt's) duty to represent that a balance was always intended to be left in

Virginia, since the purchase of the duty on tobacco from the late Lord Culpepper to answer pressing occasions in the colony; for the want thereof 80,000*l.* had to be paid out of the Exchequer to suppress Bacon's insurrection, besides a greater sum lost for a time to the crown by the discontinuance of the planting and trade of tobacco. In respect to the President of the Council, as her Majesty had given him the full power of a Lieut.-Governor or Governor-in-Chief, he might well deserve the same allowance as a Lieut.-Governor. Dated 7 Feb. 1707.

Also the petition in which it was proposed that Mons. de Blansac should be offered in exchange for the petitioner. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 39. Report of M^{r} H. S^{t} John to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Wallis, Esq^{re}, and others, praying payment of 5,532*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* for clothing furnished to Chelsea Hospital and to the four companies of invalids. Dated 7 Feb. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Read 4 June 1708. My Lord will speak wth M^{r} How about this the next time he comes." *Again,* "17 June 1708. This applcac͠on not having been made in time, and there being no money that can go towards this debt, a demand must be made for it parłt." 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to William Lowndes, Esq., on the reply of the owners of ships to their previous report on the petition of the owners for an allowance of demurrage and interest for victualling bills; advising against any allowance. Dated 11 Feb. 1707–8.

The reply referred to. 8½ *pages.*

Feb. 11. 41. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Alexander Naughtie, master of the ship Ann, of Week, in Caithness, whose ship having put into Berwick road when chased by a French privateer, was taken charge of by M^{r} Wharton, surveyor of the port, and carried into the port of Berwick, and by his unskilfulness or drunkenness, sunk on a rock, and the cargo damaged. His loss amounted to 400*l.*, &c. They considered the complaints were groundless and vexatious. Dated 11 Feb. 1707.

The petition and other papers. 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 12. 42. Report of John Dodd and John Waters, Esq^{res}, on the petition of Thomas Warrin, who had been Admiralty agent for the ports of Deal and Dover, and the Isle of Thanet, testifying that the ships mentioned were under his care, condemned to pay tenths, &c., and advising that 90*l.* would be a reasonable allowance to him. Dated 12 Feb. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Read 8th May 1708. Agreed."

The petition and an account. 5½ *pages.*

[About Feb. 12.] 43. Petition of Edward Hyde, Esq^{re}, to the Queen. Was reduced to a very deplorable condition. Had offers made to him by the Duke of Beaufort, to be preferred to a small government in Carolina, under the lords proprietors there, which he would gratefully

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accept if he could transport himself and family thither. Prays the Queen's bounty by the grant of an arrear of 146*l.* due to the Queen, as an acknowledgment from the lords proprietors of Carolina.

Minuted:—"12 Feb^{ry} 1708. By inspecting the 2d charter granted by King Charles the 2d to the proprietors of Carolina, dated 30th June 17° regni, I find amongst other things a yearly rent of twenty marks reserved & made payable to the crowne, the arreares whereof is what (I suppose) the pet^{r} desires may be granted to him; but whether there be any arrear or no, dos not appear to me. Chrer. Tilson." *Again,* "This rent was paid to the feast of All Saints, 1697, as appears by the Tally levyd 24 Nov. 1697. From w^{ch} tyme to All Saints 1708 being 11 years, there is due the sume of 146 13 4." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 44. Copy of an address from the Ministers of New England to the Lord High Treasurer, eulogizing the administration of that province by the Hon. Col. Dudley, the Governor for the past five years, in opposition to a petition against him by a number of persons, strangers to them, calling for his removal. 40 signatures. Dated Boston, New England, 13 Feb. 1707–8. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 45. "An acco^{t} of her Ma^{ties} Customs, new & add^{ll} impocõns from the 24 of January 1707, exclusive to the 14 of February following incl." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 46. Report of Edward Harley, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, certifying what fees were usually allowed to the Deputy Chamberlains for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer, and what they amounted to. Dated 14 Feb. 1707–8.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 47. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Richardson, of the city of Durham, maltster, who was charged with fraud by Peter Coldeclugh, a former servant, by walling up part of a great room and concealing several quantities of malt from the gauger. Were of opinion that the information was true, and unless he paid the duty, trial should proceed. Dated Excise Office, London, 14 Feb. 1707.

The petition and 7 affidavits. 11½ *pages.*

Feb. 16. 48. An opinion, signed "Sam. Dodd," on a query whether the Receiver of the Land Revenue of South Wales and Monmouthshire could be discharged of what he should pay to M^{r} Christopher Tilson by the acquittance of the latter. Dated 16 Feb. 1707. 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 49. Report of M^{r} William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer, as to [relaxing] the forfeiture of the recognizances of certain persons bound for the trial of Walter Ducaine at the Oxford assizes, for speaking seditious and scandalous words. Dated 16 Feb. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Feb. 17. 50. Copy of a letter "from Col. Dudley, Governor of New England, about masts felled there by the agents of M^{r} Collins." The

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Governor was not satisfied that a contract had been entered into by M^{r} Collins with the Navy Board, and until her Majesty's pleasure was known, he would not allow the masts to be taken away. The province of New Hampshire prayed to be allowed to send their agent to present an address to her Majesty, referring to the state of the province. Captain George Vaughan, who was born there, would attend his Lordship. He was very capable to give account of everything there, having sat in their assembly and sustained the principal offices in the government. Dated Boston, 17 Feb. 1707–8. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 51. Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Had sent all D^{r} Newton's bills of exchange, &c. The expenses that exceeded the regulation had been occasioned by his journey to Genoa, where he had to provide things that could be of no use elsewhere. And that journey was undertaken by her Majesty's particular command. His L^{p} hoped that the L^{d} Treasurer would consider D^{r} Newton's good services and present occasions, which were very urgent, and the favour done him would be esteemed as if done to the writer.

Also, "An acco^{t} of money due to D^{r} Newton as Envoy at Florence and Genoa, on his bills of extra^{rys}." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 52. The Marquis of Kent to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was that the Treasurer of the Chamber should be empowered by sign manual to pay certain officers and servants the usual allowance of riding charges for their attendance on her Majesty at Kensington, to commence from 26 Sept. 1706, when her Majesty first resided there. Dated 19 Feb. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 53. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of Captain Richard Long for allowance of money disbursed by him in the reign of the late King, when sent to make discoveries on the coasts of America. Dated 20 Feb. 1707.

Minuted:—"Send this to C. of Trade. It seems to my L^{d} the ref. would have been more prop to them."

Also the petition which refers to the gold mines of Cany, possessed by the Spaniards. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 54. Thomas Morrice to William Lowndes, Esq. Respecting the clothes and accoutrements under the care of M^{r} Edward Douglas, which he advised should be sent to Barcelona. Encloses copy of his letter to M^{r} Douglas, and the reply thereto. Also as to sending up the money to Barcelona for the forces in Spain. He put Padre Cienfuegos, the Spanish Plenipotentiary, on trying his interest with the Court to get a licence only for 10,000*l.*, which he told them the Queen had given his master for his table, but he (the Plenipotentiary) was refused it. The report sent concerning the bills drawn by the late Prince of Hesse for the service of Gibraltar, was exactly fact. The ambassador, M^{r} Methuen, never heard that the prince kept any regular account of the application of the money, more than that it was for the defence of the garrison in the extremity of the siege, &c. Dated Lisbon, 5 March (*i.e.*, 23 Feb.) 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 23 March 1707–8." 6½ *pages.*

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Feb. 23. 55. Another letter, from the same to the same, in relation to 31,987 millrees which the father of Ambassador Methuen paid to Mr Thomas Martin, the King of Spain's paymaster there (Lisbon). Several persons of rank and others had come over to his Catholic Majesty's service, and more would be daily coming in; for which reason the Ambassador and himself had some time since written, at the request of the Spanish minister, for 6,000*l.* of the money granted for the King of Spain. Same date.

Also copy of an account of the money received by the above Thomas Martin, with translation thereof. 8 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 56. Mr P. Methuen to the Lord High Treasurer (private). The King of Portugal had promised 100,000 pieces of eight to the King of Spain, to be paid him on the arrival of the Brazil fleet with the two Spanish ships that had been seized in the port of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil; this sum his Lp had ordered the writer's father to pay. This letter is as well about advances of money made by his father for the troops, &c. to the King of Spain, which the King of Portugal was to repay, as of money advanced by his father on his own credit for the support of officers and soldiers that came over from the enemy, until they could be formed into regiments and sent to Catalonia. Father Cienfuegos, the King of Spain's minister and plenipotentiary, had either by ignorance or artifice imposed on the writer; and the King of Spain had thereby received 20,000 pieces of eight more than he ought. Asking how he should charge this money paid by his father to Mr Martin in his accounts. Dated Lisbon, 5 March N.S. (*i.e.*, 23 Feb. 1707–8). 6½ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 24.] 57. Representation of John Moor, for ten years collector of the port of Air, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be replaced.

Minuted:—"To ye Comrs Cust to know how it came to pass that Moor was put out & this man put it. Md the paper containg ye Comrs reasons for laying Moor aside was put into my Lord Trer̃s hands 24 Febr. 1707–8." 1 *page.*

Feb. 25. 58. Report of Mr J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the officers that served at Gibraltar, before the commencement of the establishment of that garrison, praying to be relieved with respect to their pay for the time they served before the establishment took place, as was recommended to her Majesty by the Earl of Gallway. He (Mr. Brydges) did not find that they had received any pay for their services. Dated Pay Office, 25 Feb. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Feb. 1707. No provision for this has been made by Parliamt."

The memorial and two other papers. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 59. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes for 200 copies of Acts of Parliament for the better recruiting the land forces and marines, to be sent to the Secretary-at-War's office, to be distributed to the recruiting officers. Dated Whitehall, 27 Feb. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e sent to ye printer 28th Do." 1 *page, quarto.*

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1707–8. Feb. 27. 60. Report of M^{r} W. Whitfield to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Master, Wardens, and Society of the art and mystery of Apothecaries, London, praying payment of 280*l.* 6*s.* due to them for medicines delivered at Gibraltar for the garrison and the detachment of marines left there by Admiral Sir Geo. Rooke. There was no fund for contingencies, and there were many deductions from their pay, &c. It did not appear practicable to place the amount to the Marines' accounts.

The petition and two other papers. 4½ *pages.*

Feb. 28. 61. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The justices had adjudged the barrel to be 36 gallons, and they were obliged to comply therewith until the matter was settled by the British Parliament. The justices at Glasgow had given judgment in the same terms, and the people complained and insisted on "the same allowance." Dated Edinburgh, 28 Feb. 1707–8. 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 62. "Report of the Gen^{l} Officers on the petition of Colonel Gore." They were of opinion that 265*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* were due to Colonel Humphrey Gore for the clothing of 157 men, detached from his regiment. Dated 28 Feb. 1707–8.

Also the memorial of Col. Gore. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 63. New Year's Gifts, 1708. The gifts were made in January and February 1707–8 to different officials. 2 *pages, quarto.*

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[? About March 1.] 1. "Peticion & case of Ch^{s} Palmer, confined in her Maj^{ts} Bench Prison, on actions of just debt. And for his peculiar service, don both to the Crown and public, prays a bounty sum in his present great exigencie." The petition is addressed to the Lord Treasurer. The service rendered by him in conjunction with three others was, that at the time of the Revolution and Convention meeting as a parliament at Westminster, they presented their laborious and chargeably devised scheme in a printed draft, showing an easy and safe method for changing the then excise on those liquors made from coffee, tea, and chocolate into an impost at the Custom House, which was passed by Parliament into an Act, thereby improving the revenue more than 23,000*l.* the first year, &c. Signed: Cha^{s} Palmer. Undated, but a M^{r} Palmer obtained 10*l.* bounty on 1 March 1707–8. See *Minute Book,* Vol. XIV. p. 169. 1 *page.*

[About March 2.] 2. "The case of the Stamp Revenue with relation to the late Inspections of Courts and Corporations & the informations fyled agst Attorneys." Showing very fully the losses to the revenue and the unjustifiable practices of the attorneys.

There is an order of the Com^{rs} on the back that the case should be sent to M^{r} Lowndes, and one of the printed charges given to the attorneys. Dated 2 March 1707. 3 *pages.*

March 2. 3. J. Brydges to ———. Remittances of 50,000*l.* and 40,000*l.*, and by way of "Genoua" of 23,750*l.* (drawn upon Shallet and Crow in Barcelona) had already been made by the Lord Treasurer's directions, his lordship knowing the great straights of his Catholic Majesty. A further remittance was that night sent to M^{r} Morice of 75,490*l.*, with directions to send it, every farthing up to the person addressed by the first opportunity, which would pay all the troops up to the last of June. All payments for the future must be for effectives only. The enclosed establishment for the Palatine's was for 2,600. Her Majesty's share was 1,300, the other moiety to be defrayed by the States General whilst they continued in Italy, but on their being agreed to be sent to Spain he understood the States General were to be at the expense of all the rest of the 7,000. The charge of the additional officers of three battalions her Majesty would wholly bear. Desired an account of all receipts and payments to be returned. It had been called for several times by the Lord High Treasurer, and the Parliament was not a little uneasy this winter that no such account had been sent.

Then follows an abstract showing the uses to which the remittances were to be applied. Dated 2 March 1707-8. 4 *pages.*

March 2. 4. John Crookshanks to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Before his departure for Ireland sends an account of Her Majesty's revenue. He says:— "M^{r} Graydon is a man of application, and keeps his business in very good order. Upon my return we shall endeavour to have the accounts kept in such a method that every article may have it's proper and distinct voucher for examination on the first glance; when the acco^{ts} shall be transmitted weekly or monthly, as my Lord High Treasurer shall think fit to command." Asks to be allowed to return from Ireland by way of London, to bring his wife and family from thence. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 2 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2 *pages.*

March 2. 5. Sir Owen Buckingham to the R^{t} Hon. the Lord Coningsby. His zeal for her Majesty's service had at all times been exerted in the House of Commons, and he had never desired anything of the government, but was then in great difficulty to preserve his interest in Reading, which he hoped his Lordship's application to the Lord High Treasurer would obviate. Upon his "undertaking the poor of Reading in the year 1698," he was chosen a member of parliament. The "English duck," as it was then made, being under "disreputation,'" he made a voyage to Holland in 1701, where he learnt fully to make the cloth after the Dutch manner. In the year 1702 he made patterns of cloth after the French manner, which was looked upon to be closer, and to carry wind better than the Holland. In the years 1703 to 1706 he had delivered into the stores 9 or 10,000 bolls yearly. Employed about 200 men in the town and many hundreds of poor women and children, and laid out about 10,000*l.* a year for labour. In the last years other persons who made smaller quantities had been advanced, and he, who used to have at least half the quantity of the yearly contract, was reduced to one fourth; but knowing his reputation was concerned, he had not turned off these poor wretches, and so had 6,000 bolls of cloth in hand. Unless the Com^rs^ of the Navy would take 10,000 bolls in the next contract, he must throw up the work, and take the disgrace of not being able to provide for the poor. In this he did not ask one penny for himself, for the cloth should answer the patterns, and be as low in price as any bought by the navy board. Asks that M^r^ Sargison be written to that he (the writer) might have half the contract. Dated 2 March 1707.

Minuted:—"10 Mar. 1707–8. M^r^ Sergison to be here to-morrow morning." 2 *pages.*

[About March 3.] 6. "Memorial relating to the clothing for the Duke of Savoyes forces."

The envoy of the Duke was charged to make enquiry as to the price of kerseys and other woollen goods in England, as compared with those in France, and he found that although French draperies might perhaps be as cheap at the places where manufactured, yet they cost H.R.H. more by the duties, carriage, and other charges from Lodeve and Chatillon to Turin; but the difference was not so considerable as to countervail the high freight and assurances in time of war. If the goods were carried over from hence to Genoa or Oneglia by her Majesty's ships of war or transports, the Duke would take all the cloth kerseys, &c. for clothing the forces, amounting to 17 or 18,000*l.* yearly. Gives a comparison of the cost of the French and English materials.

Minuted:—"3 Mar. 1707–8. To the Com^rs^ Navy y^t^ when they come next to the Adm^ty^ my Lord would speak w^th^ y^m^ about this mem^ll^." 3 *pages.*

March 3. 7. "An acco^t^ of y^e^ quarter due in y^e^ office of y^e^ workes att Christmas 1707," being an application from the officers of the works for payment. 1 *page.*

March 4. 8. Report of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Major James Allen, praying for an advance of 300*l.* before he should go to France, being a prisoner [on parole], and having been employed as Commissary of the provisions for the forces with the expedition commanded by Earl Rivers in the years 1706 and 1707, advising that 200*l.* should be paid him on account of the balance supposed to be due to him. Dated 4 Mar. 1707–8.

Minuted:—"6 Marcii 1707. In M^r^ Brydges mem^l^ and ordered." Also the memorial and an account. 4 *pages.*

March 4. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Chelsea Hospital on an application from the Earl of Orford for the lease for 31 years of a small house and garden, then in the possession of the Treasurer of the Hospital, but previously occupied by his Lordship: giving a detailed account of the manner in which they had bestowed the lodgings on their being appointed Commissioners, and finishing thus:—"Wee dare not advise the granting away by lease or otherwise, any part of the land of the said hospitall, which haveing been given by the Royall founder to a use so pious in its selfe, so advantageous, as well as honourable to the public, wee hope will allways be preserved sacred and intire." Dated 4 March 1707.

Minuted:—"Read 31st March 1708."

Also the letter of the Earl of Orford, giving such information as he had gathered of the manner the lodgings were intended to be set apart when the building was finished. 3 *pages*.

March 5. 10. Report of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Col. Cavaliers, setting forth that in the beginning of 1706 he raised a regiment of foot in Holland, embarked with them for Spain in June following, and served there until the battle of Almanza, where most of them were killed or taken prisoners. Asking that 400*l*. in part of what was due to him might be paid. Advising that that sum should be paid out of moneys intended for the King of Spain for the year 1708. Dated 5 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"6 Mar. 1707. To be read wn the D. of Marlborough is here." 1 *page*.

March 5. 11. Copy of instructions for Mr George Hay appointed comptroller of her Majesty's train of artillery in Spain. 5 March 1707–8. 3 *pages*.

March 5. 12. Report of the Lord High Treasurer to the Queen on the petition of William Heath, Thomas Cole, and Margaret Ash, praying payment of 300*l*. due to them on certain imprest bills made out by the Navy board for the benefit of John Winter, a shipwright, and purchased by the petitioners, notwithstanding the failure of Winter before his contract was performed. His Lordship was informed that there were few, if any, instances in the navy for 30 years or upwards, wherein either the crown or private persons had suffered by the like misfortune. He thought that the petitioners omitted by inadvertency to make enquiries at the Navy Office, and might be fit objects for compassion and relief, and he the rather proposed it, lest the credit of the Navy bills should suffer. He also proposed that the Comrs of the Navy should lay before the Queen or the Lord High Admiral such rules as they thought would be effectual for the future to prevent similar loss. Dated Treasury Chambers, 5 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"4 Feb. 1707–8 (*sic*). My Lord would speak wth the Comrs of ye Navy about this matter ye next time they come to ye Admiralty."

The petition. 3 *pages*.

March 6. 13. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esqre. Their last was as to a Danish dogger, and a calculation of the value of the "Industry," of Leith, &c. They would as soon as possible put in execution the Lord High Treasurer's commands concerning visiting the outposts, and prayed to know if they should have the same allowances as were made to the Com^{rs} of South Britain. They observe "these people will tell nothing without being treated," and again:—"When Dutch ships come in they frequently bring in linnen cloath from Holland that ladys of the first quality and influence call cloath of their own fabrick, as spun in their own familys and only sent to Holland for the benefitt of the sun in bleaching or whitening. Women of lower qualities do the same. All pretend to send their good housewifry in this manner, and bring it back free of duties, as they have been accustomed to do. This matter puzleth us, for if the women have not their end the clamour will run high, and if we are easy with them the fraudulent may bring Dutch cloath, and so undertrade the people of South Britain, therefore we pray some directions herein."

They had found out a ship at Port Glasgow proper for the guard of the Clyde, and had despatched M^{r} Snelgrove with their final orders to begin the building of the biggest of the three sloops at Newcastle. Dated Edinburgh, 6 March 1707–8. 2 *pages.*

March 9. 14. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer in respect to a report of D^{r} Davenant touching the duties on linens, wherein he differed with the board in the medium the Com^{rs} had taken for computing the values of Hollands and narrow Germany linens imported. The Doctor computed the value by the first cost abroad, which they say was not to be depended on. Very probably the Dutch had not shown the Doctor any of their striped, spotted, and flowered lawns and cambrics, which were imported in considerable quantities, and sold at great prices, nor any of their striped linens for waistcoats and breeches. He needed not apprehend that they must lay aside their linen manufactures, or want employment for their people, if he had thought fit to take notice of their new manufactures of silk and silk and cotton, in imitation of the East India prohibited goods, whereby that prohibition act would be rendered ineffectual.

The Com^{rs} then go on to speak of a fabric called "borelaps," which had increased in the importation at Yarmouth by near 12,000 ells for each of the last three years. From the former scheme he (the Doctor) would show the increase of the linen trade from Germany, beyond that from Holland, and "from the other" the great disproportion of the duties, and to this he imputed the increase and even the improvement of the German linens; adding that unless the Dutch were eased in their duties, they would, in his opinion, be obliged to quit the linen trade. As to the former scheme, the Doctor might have considered the great extent of territory in Germany beyond the Netherlands, and the vastly exceeding number of the manufacturers in the linen trade of one country beyond the other for the quantity, &c. The Com^{rs} attributed the increase in the linen manufactures of Germany to the prohibition of the French linens, rather than to any increase of duties on those of Holland. In respect to the doctor's proposal of *ad valorem* duties, when it was remembered that very eminent merchants had valued a parcel of goods at the custom house at 1,800*l.* for payment of duty, and had sold the same for 13,000*l.*, and when other goods had been valued for customs at 2*s.* per hundred and sold for 35*s.* in great quantities, it would be judged that a rate was more equitable, &c. For eight reasons, which they give, the Board were of opinion that many more mischiefs would probably follow from any alteration in the duties, than by letting them remain as they were.

P.S.—Since the presentment was drawn, the Parliament had continued the ⅔ subsidy for three years, and if all the linen, threads and tapes were excepted, the Dutch merchants would have reason to be satisfied with such an exemption from general duties in favour of their trade. Dated 9 March 1707–8. 4½ *pages.*

March 9. 15. J. Brydges to Mr Morice. By last post he sent Sir H. Furness's bills for 75,490*l.* to be forwarded to Spain on board the first man-of-war that should sail thither, and an account how the remittances for the service of Spain should be distributed. What was put on board should be by the advice and concurrence of H.M. ambassador and the King of Spain's minister there. Mr Morice was to apply to them for this and acquaint them that Sir John Leake was ready to sail with the first fair wind, and in all probability would be time enough to carry up some of this money. Mr. Morice should consider whether he had not better keep the greatest part of it for so safe a conveyance. Dated London, 9 March 1707–8. 1 *page.*

March 10. 16. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the distillers of cider and perry in and about the city of Bristol, praying a stop to be put to the hearing of a cause depending in the Court of Exchequer against the petitioners for the duty of 4*s.* per hogshead. Dated 10 March 1707.

The petition and an opinion of the Attorney General.

Minuted:—"Read 17th Mar. 1707–8. My Lord leaves this to the law." 5 *pages.*

March 10. 17. J. Bridger to the Lord High Treasurer, setting forth the state of the woods in the province of New England, with some proposals for their preservation. There had been great destructions therein chiefly by Mr John Plaisted of the "province" of New Hampshire, "councillor, judge, and justice." The preservation of her Majesty's woods was of the greatest concern, and was the only interest her Majesty had reserved. No other part produced such masts as these provinces. One Mr Francis Collins, of London, merchant, as his factor Mr Mico said, had contracted with the Comrs of the Navy for three shiploads yearly. Mr Mico agreed with John Plaisted for the masts, the greatest to be 26 inches diameter, and the smallest 20, but without licence from her Majesty, he (Bridger) had strictly forbidden them to cut masts. [He gives a rambling account of the cutting of masts of far larger dimensions in defiance of his remonstrances.] He took a guard of 20 men, and went into the woods, where he found Plaisted working on a tree big enough to make a mast of 35 inches diameter. Plaisted produced a licence of Queen Mary in 1691. This was in the extremest cold weather that he (the writer) ever knew; his face and neck were many times frozen that winter, and he was unable to get to Boston in time for the trial of this cause. There was also another cause depending. They would cost him a great sum, and there were no lawyers but at Boston. He was bound to pay 50 per cent. if his bills were not accepted. Had to take up money at 50 per cent. loss. Had defended her Majesty's woods and interest, but the whole country was against him. Had seized all masts hauled out of the woods. There were 58 trees above contract, and he hoped his Lordship would not release any. To prevent these spoils, suggests that all licences should be from year to year, and the number and dimensions of the trees should be specified, and the licence be directed to the Surveyor General of H.M. woods, &c.; or, if this should not be approved, that an amendment should be made in the Act of Parliament for the encouragement of the importation of naval stores. Prays that his bills may be paid. Dated Boston, 10 March 1707. 8 *pages.*

March 10. 18. Report of Charles Dering, Auditor General to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of Charles Hubbelthorn. King Charles II., in consideration of services to the crown by Lieut.-Col. John Hubbelthorn, and of his being slain in the King's service at sea, granted to Dorothy, his widow (A.D. 1674), and Charles, her son, a pension of 200*l*., and to the longest liver; and this was paid till 1687. The petitioner came over with the late Duke Schomberg on the reducement of Ireland, and was dangerously wounded in the face at the first siege of Limerick. Upon application, Queen Mary, in 1694, granted to the widow and her son, that they should be inserted on the establishment from 1 Jan. 1692 for "100*l*. per ann.," which was paid till Mich. 1707. Was of opinion that Charles Hubblethorn was entitled to the pension of 200*l*. per ann., and arrears. Dated 10 March 1707–8.

The petition, and copies of three other documents touching the same claims. 7 *pages.*

March 10. 19. "An abstract of the case to be made for my Lord" relative to the loan of 150,000*l*. to King Charles II. by Anthony Rowe, Esq., Cornwall Bradshaw, and others, who obtained a grant of the farm of the hearth money for five years. Part of the loan was advanced by John Hind, a goldsmith and banker, cashier of the hearth money, afterwards a bankrupt, on whom Sir Edward Wood made a claim, having lent part of the money advanced. The abstract finishes thus:—"If a private person pays money to another private person and loses his receipt the debt is not the less paid, nor is it reviv'd by that accident, and there is as little reason why any farmers under the crowne should suffer, and be prosecuted for his misfortune in having his Exchequer receipts stolen or imbezilled by his servant after his advance money and rent paid." 2¼ *pages.*

[About March 10.] 20. Memorial of the Marquis of Lothian to the Earl of Godolphin. Had been obliged to advance his own money for the necessaries wanted by his regiment. Fifteen months' clothing-money was due.

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The Earl of Glasgow, the Treasurer Depute, informed him that seven of the fifteen months were to be paid out of the Equivalent in Scotland, and eight months were to be ordered by his Lordship.

Minuted:—"10th Mar. 1707–8. Ref. to Mr Howe." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 11. 21. Memorial from the "Comrs of Whitehall" praying a stop to any process issuing against them for any arrear due on the 4s aid. Dated 11 March 1707–8. 1 *page.*

March 12. 22. Report of James Mountague on the report of Mr Borrett and on other papers as to the apprehension of Richard Tayler at Chester and the manner of his escape. The facts were truly represented in Mr Borrett's report. James Bourn had been very industrious in apprehending and securing Richard Tayler, whose escape was procured by Joseph Wood and George Sparrow, who caused sham actions to be entered in the court at Chester against James Bourn and others, and had them wrongfully arrested. Wood and Sparrow had thereby been guilty of great misdemeanours and should have informations exhibited against them, and Bourn should be considered. Dated 12 March 1707.

Mr Borrett's report.

Minuted:—"30li out of secret service money." 4 *pages.*

March 12. 23. Petition of several merchants who let ships to the Comrs of the Victualling for Lisbon and Jamaica, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer; as to allowance for the demurrage, &c. Dated 12 March 1707–8.

Also, on the second leaf, some other information on the subject of demurrage. 2 *pages.*

March 13. 24. Affidavit of Robert Taylor of Queen's Ferry, formerly riding surveyor, since deputed by Lord Glasgow and then in the service of the Comrs of Customs; as to an assault made upon him by certain persons, who bid him declare whether he was for King James or Queen Anne. One of them was named Maxwell, a Galloway gentleman, and reputed a Roman Catholic. Dated Edinburgh, 13 March 1708. [? *if* 1707–8.] 1 *page.*

March 13. 25. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq., containing further proceedings as to the Danish dogger previously noticed. Last night one of their officers was stopped near the cross of the city by six gentlemen, "and very *nearly* [narrowly] escaped being killed by saying he was for Queen Ann," which showed the insolence of the Popish party.

Sir Robert Dickson, one of their number, was in ill health through grief for the loss of his lady, and desired leave from the Ld High Treasurer to go to the Bath and take London on his way thither or back. Sir Robert had shown a more than ordinary zeal for her Majesty's service, and when he had leave, would not go till the hopes of the French King and the pretended Prince of Wales were rendered desperate, "being resolved to venture his life and fortune in defence of the Queen's undoubted right to the imperial diadem of Great Britain." Dated Edinburgh, 13 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"Read 22th March 1707. Sr Robt Dickson to have leave to come to England. An extract of what relates to the Comrs of Cust. Rept here to be sent to them to reconsider." 3½ *pages.*

March 13. 26. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Ld High Treasurer on Mr Auditor Harley's account of "collect debts" standing out at Christmas, 1698, viz., as to interest on the debts under Stat. 20 Car. II. cap. 2. They had no prospect of recovering interest thereupon, and were doubtful that if they insisted on interest they might hazard the principal, being never before practiced in the customs. Pray that their accounts might be passed without further delay. Dated 13 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"15 March 1707–8. My Lord will speak wth the Audr."

The Attorney General's report, and a schedule of the debts referred to. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 16. 27. Various subordinate papers, such as bonds, bills of exchange, copies of letters, depositions, accounts of trees marked, &c., connected with the affairs of John Bridger, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General of Woods in New England. Dated in 1707 and 1707–8. The last is a letter signed J. Dudley, dated at Boston, New England, 16 Mar. 1707–8, touching the assistance he had given to Mr Bridger in the making of tar and pitch. 21 *pages.*

March 19. 28. Petition of the Lady Mowat to the Queen for continuance of a pension granted to her father and mother, viz. Col. Francis Willoughby and Eliz. his wife, the latter dying without making any arrangement with their joint creditors, and thereby leaving petitioner subject to the debts.

Copy of the warrant for the pension, dated Nov. 1674.

Also, the order referring the petition to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, dated 19 March 1707–8. 4 *pages.*

March 20. 29. Lord Orford to the Lord High Treasurer. States how the matter stands with regard to his salary as Treasurer of the Navy, the Auditors of Imprest not thinking themselves sufficiently empowered to allow the same. Hopes his Lp will direct the auditors to allow his salary from the time Sir Thomas Littleton began to receive money for the service of the navy: viz., from 17 Nov. 1699. Dated 20 March 1707.

The following minutes are on the back:—

"Read ult. Mar. 1708. My Lord will move the Queen for the sallary from 20th May to 27 Novr."

"27th Apr. 1708. The audr to certify what sum it is that is desired to be allowed to ye E. of Orford."

"1o Maii 1708. A certificate is inclosed. Her Maty is pleased to ordr 1400li in full for this service."

"380li more orderd 21th June 1708, and ye old wt to be cancelled." 2 *pages.*

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March 22. 30. Report of J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorials of the Marquis of Lothian, Col. of the Regiment of Foot Guards, and of the Earl of Crafurd, Captain of the Troop of Grenadier Guards in North Britain, desiring payment of the arrears and clothing money. Had received the annexed account from Sir David Nairne which would show the amounts due, &c. Dated 22 March 1707–8.

The accounts referred to, and the petition of the Earl of Crafurd. 5¼ *pages.*

March 24. 31. Moses de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Craves payment of 14,561*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* due to him on his advance for bread and bread waggons to meet his pressing occasions to pay bills of exchange, the sum being due long since. It was almost impossible for him to subsist without it. Dated 23 March 1707–8.

Minuted:—"24 Mar. 1707–8. 5000li ordered." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 24. 32. Warrant of the Marquis of Kent to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for the mending and cleaning of an embroidered picture wrought by Mary Queen of Scots brought from Windsor, and for casing it up and sending it thither again when cleaned, and for providing other materials for the yeoman of her Majesty's removing wardrobe. Dated 24 March 1707–8. 1 *page.*

March 24. 33. Report of J. Howe (Paymaster) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the captains and officers of the battalion of guards lately in Spain. Their pay might be computed from 24 Apr. 1707 to 24 Oct., according to the muster determining on the 23rd of April (the pay of any men raised and mustered here being deducted), it being what was practised in relation to the troops abroad.

Minuted:—"Read 30th April 1708. Mr Howe is to examin what ye respits amount to, and what the levy money would have amounted to."

Also an estimate, the memorial referred to, and a certificate. 3 *pages.*

Before March 25. 34. Petition of Daniel Campbell, Esq., on behalf of Richard Murray, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that a new commission might be ordered for Richard Murray as Controller of Customs to the port of Newport, Glasgow. Dated 1707–8. 1 *page.*

March 25. 35. Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to William Lowndes, Esqre. Had considered the Duke of Argyle's complaint concerning Mr Muir, late collector of Ayr. In the Duke's memorial there were extraordinary passages touching their reputation in general, and particularly as to the laws of England and the articles of Union. His Lordship's discernment was of so bright a nature that they feared no blemish, and they doubted not to see his Grace despise all those who had ventured to get his subscription, in prejudice to others who served her Majesty faithfully. Send an establishment for signature on the first opportunity. Pray to know his LP's pleasure as to prizage duty on wine. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 25 March 1708. 2 *pages.*

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March 26. 36. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes as to the pay of the regiment of Col. Cavalier. Dated 26 March 1708. 2 *pages.*

March 26. 37. The Earl of Glasgow [? to Mr Lowndes] in favour of the appointment of Mr Bethun as a collector of Customs. If he could not be "reponed" to the port where he served last (that is, Kirkaldie), he hoped the Ld Treasurer would provide him with another. The Earl recommended him, not only in his own name but in that of the Duke of Queensberry, the Earls of Mar, Loudoun, and Seafield, who were sensible of the good services done by Sir James Smollett, his father-in-law, to the Queen in Parliament. Dated Hatfield, 26th March 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 30 Apr. 1708. He must make his applicacõn to the Comrs Cust., & if there be a vacancy my lord is ready to gratify him if the said Comrs have no objeccõn." 1 *page.*

March 31. 38. Proposal of William Morgan, Gent., and others to the Lord High Treasurer in order to facilitate trade, viz., to undertake the coinage of 1,000 tons of English copper into halfpence, farthings and half-farthings within seven years, under certain terms which are set forth. Letters patent to be granted him for the purpose. Dated 31 March 1708.

Minuted:—"12 Apr. 1708. Offrs of the Mint to be here next Wednesd." 3 *pages.*

March 31. 39. Proposal of the Comrs of Prizes, with the view to lessen the expense of the Prize Office.

Minuted:—"Read 14 June 1708. To be reconsidered." 1 *page.*

March 31. 40. Report of Mr James Mountague, Solicitor General, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered as well the petition of the directors of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich (touching a demand of 12d per ton by the Islanders of Portland and 6d per ton by the Comrs for the building of the Church of St Paul's, for all stone shipped off from thence for the use of the Hospital), as Sir Christopher Wren's memorial, touching a liberty taken by the quarry men of Portland, to open new quarries and dig and carry off stone at pleasure, which he represented to be to the prejudice of the quarries and in opposition to the right of the crown. Was informed that the whole island was an entire manor belonging to the Queen in right of the crown, and was looked upon to be one continued quarry of stone, and could not be wrought out in many ages. Time out of mind there had been a duty of 12d paid for each ton of stone dug and exported out of the commons of the isle, one moiety being paid to the Kings and Queens of the realm as lords of the manor, the other to the profit of the inhabitants. There had been no alteration of this ancient usage before 1665, when a grant from King Charles II. takes notice of this ancient payment of 12d per ton in moieties to himself and the inhabitants, and of the loyalty of the inhabitants, and appoints 12d for every ton of stone to be taken from the common of that island (except such as should be taken for the particular use of the crown), 3d to be for the crown and 9d to the inhabitants, and that no stone should be accounted as taken for the crown, except such as was taken by warrant of the surveyor of the royal works. This grant was entered on the Court Rolls. These directions had been constantly complied with. Sir Christopher Wren had sent directions for digging great quantities of stone within the commons for building S^t Paul's Cathedral, Chelsea College, and several churches in London; but as it was not expressed that the stone was dug for the immediate service of the crown, the inhabitants had received the 9^d a ton, and answered the other 3^d to the receiver of Dorsetshire for the use of the crown. In his opinion there was reason for her Majesty to continue the like payment for the stone dug out of the common; for the inhabitants had an ancient usage to countenance their pretensions to a moiety of the 12^d, which had time out of mind been paid for every ton of stone that had been dug there; and the other 3^d was said to have been granted to them in consideration of the great damage done to the herbage on the common, where the inhabitants had a right to feed their cattle, and that damage in all probability would continue as long as stone was suffered to be dug on those commons. Therefore, since the consideration of the grant still existed, tho' the grant itself (being only under the sign manual, and made to the inhabitants who are not capable of taking by way of grant), be not valid; yet he conceived it reasonable for her Majesty to allow the 9^d to be still retained for the benefit of the inhabitants. He did not conceive that Sir Christopher Wren could order the stone to be used in any buildings that did not belong to the crown, to be dug and exported duty free. He understood that the Com^rs of S^t Paul's only demanded the 6^d a ton when the exporters made use of the piers and cranes, maintained at the charge of the Com^rs, and this the inhabitants were willing to pay; so that the dispute seemed to be whether the surveyor could restrain the inhabitants from digging stone in the waste, and direct them where and in what manner they should work for stone. The islanders insisted on a right by prescription to open new quarries, and to dig and carry off stone at pleasure. Sir Christopher thought their irregular and promiscuous working for stone very detrimental to the quarries and of disservice to the crown; and in case ancient usage had not created a right to the inhabitants, there was no doubt but that the Queen, as lady of the manor, might prohibit their working in her soil. If the inhabitants dug so as to be prejudicial to the inheritance of the crown, it would be advisable to have the right determined by a trial. Sir Christopher Wren insisted on it that the inhabitants used not to dig stone in the commons until the last few years. The inhabitants insisted on it that they had made no difference, and if they worked to the prejudice of her Majesty or her tenants, they should be presented for the same in the manor court before the steward, and punished for so doing. If this were so, it might be more for her Majesty's service to permit the inhabitants to dig stone as usual, and receive the 9^d a ton, than to try the matter by a suit at law. Dated 31 March 1708.

The letter of Mr Lowndes referring the matter to the Solicitor General, and a duplicate thereof.

Minuted:—"Read 27th Apr. 1708." [A duplicate of the report itself, wrongly dated, is described in Vol. CI., No. 83, and other documents connected with this business are also described in Vol. CIII., Nos. 7, 8, and 62.] 7 *pages.*

March. 41. "Cofferers accot of Lady day quarter, 1708." 1 *page.*

March 12 & April 1. 42. Proposal of George Yeo to refer his case concerning the expense he had been at in laying open the fraudulent trade with France, to the Lord High Treasurer. Signed Cha. Bernard for Geo. Yeo. "Recd. from Mr Bernard, 12 March 1707."

Another proposal from him to accept the offer for the wines to be delivered to him exclusive of all charges for exportation. Dated 1 April 1707. 2 *pages.*

April 3. 43. Distribution of the funds for the year 1708. (Draft.) Dated 3 April 1708.

Also payments out of the funds for the service of the year 1708 to the 3rd April 1708. 2 *large pages.*

April 3. 44. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq., justifying themselves concerning Mr Muer of Aire. If his Lordship saw cause to restore him they were ready to obey his Lordship's inclinations. The Duke of Argyle not coming down as was expected, application had been made to his brother, the Earl of Eyla. Enclose the presentment of Walter Ogilvye to be tidewaiter. Sir Robert Dickson was very sensible of Mr Lowndes' favour to him in obtaining leave of the Lord High Treasurer to go to the Bath. Dated Edinburgh, 3 Apr. 1708.

Minuted:—"Wt signd on ye p̃ntmt." 2 *pages.*

April 4. 45. James Verrier to the Honble Sir Henry Furness, Knt and Bart. for his further interest with the Lord High Treasurer for a small employment in the customs. *Endorsed,* "Received 4 April 1708." 1 *page.*

April 6. 46. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received her Majesty's order in council for putting the docks at Portsmouth and Chatham into a posture of defence, as well as the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling, and Inverlochy. By the copy of their report to the Duke of Marlborough his Lp would see that they had appointed engineers to make drafts and estimates of the works necessary to secure the docks at Portsmouth and Chatham. The works at Portsmouth to prevent an insult by land were estimated at 77,883*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, and for Chatham 31,500*l.* As it was her Majesty's pleasure they should be proceeded with immediately, they asked that money might be particularly ordered.

They had no drafts of the castles of Edinburgh, Sterling, and Inverlochy, nor any estimate of the charge, and thought it could be better performed by the officers of the ordnance there. Dated 6 April 1708.

The order in council and copy of the report referred to. 4½ *pages.*

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April 6. 47. Copy of warrant from [Prince] George [of Denmark] to Walter Whitfield, Esq., for payment of 85*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to Lieut. William Squibb, of the regiment of marines commanded by Col. Joshua Churchill. Dated 6 April 1708. 1 *page.*

April 8. 48. Report of the Comrs for Salt to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the merchants and traders in salt in the city of Gloucester, praying for an allowance to be made for waste on the shipment of salt coastwise from the port of Worcester to Gloucester under the Act, 5 Anne. They say Worcester is not a port, but within the port of Gloucester, and the persons not entitled to allowance for waste, and were not entitled by a more recent Act, because the salt was not carried by sea, but by the river Severn. Dated 8 April 1708.

Minuted:—"28th July 1708. My Lord agrees wth the opinion of the Comrs that the petrs are not entitled to any drawback."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*.

April 9. 49. "State of the acct of Edward Wilcox, Surveyr of her Mats Woods Trent South, together with an acct of the debts & yearly allowances charged on woodsales & his proposalls for discharging the whole, &c." Dated 9 Apr. 1708.

Minuted:—"12 Apr. 1708. Mr Topham & Mr Wilcox to be here next Monday morning." 3 *pages* (*in pieces*).

April 10. 50. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. Various hogsheads of brandy had been picked up on the coast, probably tossed out of the French fleet, thought to be part of a vast quantity of other things that the enemy lost. If this were true it was an undoubted proof of their having been under a most horrid consternation, and that they had already found themselves great losers for undertaking their late expedition. It would discourage them for ever from attempting the like. "These accidents, added to others, must end before the new Exchequer." They would do all that was possible for her Majesty's interest, the vice-admirals of the coast and lords of the manor not allowing anybody to be gainers but themselves, so that they might bring brandy, wine, &c., and not only introduce prohibited goods, but defraud the Queen of her duty upon importable commodities. It being plain that if casks of brandy are made strong enough to resist beating on "mustle banks, &c.," the brandy takes no harm.

Enclosed a letter from Mr John Campbell, the parliament man, and uncle to the Duke of Argyle, that it might be read to the Lord High Treasurer. It would demonstrate what must become of them, for all this bluster upon Sir Robert [Dixon] and the Board was because Mr Daniel Campbell had access to the Duke and his uncle and had credit to inflame them. His ambition was to restore the two Campbells whom they passed over at Port Glasgow, where he was collector, because they had shunned Sir Robert when he went to inquire respecting four ships that ran brandies. They (the Comrs) must either turn honest men out, and restore these, or have his Grace of Argyle and all his family their enemies; but they would do their duty and depend on the Ld High Treasurer. It much concerned

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them that a man of Sir Robert's quality and integrity should be singled out for being so generous as he was when at Glasgow. They hoped that Mr Daniel Campbell would be brought to account. For tho' he had not performed his duty he ought not to molest those that had. But he was angry that he had not dissolved their board, as he had threatened, and was troubled that he could not bring in the waiters that he deluded. They enclosed also four presentments. Dated Edinburgh 10 April 1708.

The following is an abstract of the letter referred to:—

Mr John Campbell to Sir Robert Dixon.

According to Sir Robert's desire had given the Duke of Argyle an assurance of his (Sir Robert's) readiness to serve him and his interest which stopped any resentment he then had, and did expect that Sir Robert would have continued in the same mind, but was mightily surprised to hear the treatment of his (Sir Robert's) board to some of their (the Campbells) name, none being forwarder than himself. Continues thus:—"Yett I resolve to complain of it first to yourself, and hope you will repone Archibald and James Campbell att Port Glassgow, that I may have it to tell our Duke before he hears of there being turned out, and if you write to him and inclose it to me I shall deliver it. I take this way in friendship, rather then apply to my Lord Thesaurer, with whom 'I am very weel' and may have ane order from his lop to have them reponed. I must acquaint you Daniel Campbell has done you justice in his representations, and wee are both confounded at the hardship is done to any of the name of Campbell, since non have appeared more ready to serve the Queen than wee. The Earl of Iyla [Eyla, or Islay] is now in Scotland, one whom I advise you to waite and by reponing these men show your kindness to his dependants." Dated London, 30 March 1708. 3 *pages, and* 2 *pages* 8*vo.*

April 13. 51. Memorial of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer for issue of money to their office, to replace the expense of canon balls, to be transported to Catalonia from the stores at Woolwich. The charge, with freight to Barcelona would amount to 1,886*l.* 9*s.* Dated 13 April 1708. 1 *page.*

April 13. 52. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer sending an extract of a letter received from Mr Chetwynd, her Majesty's Envoy at Turin, containing a project for the more convenient remittance of money to King Charles in Barcelona, and for supplying the army with bread, &c.; for directions. Dated 13 April 1708.

The extract mentioned. 2½ *pages, quarto.*

April 14. 53. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Walter Stuart, for delivery to him of certain lustrings and alamodes without giving an obligation to export the same, or being put to the charge of a suit at law. If he would not give the security they thought the silks ought to be prosecuted to condemnation. Dated 14 Apr. 1708.

Minuted:—"28 April 1708. My Lord agrees wth this report."

The petition. 2 *pages*.

April 14. 54. Sir Isaac Newton, Master of the Mint, to the L^{d} High Treasurer. Heard by the last post that M^{r}. Daniel Stuart, the collector of the bullion for the mint at Edinburgh, was newly dead. The place, being irregular, should cease, and the bullion should be paid by the under-collectors to the cash keeper of North Britain, and kept apart in the Exchequer in a proper chest, &c., to defray the expense of the coinage, salaries, &c., and should be annually accounted for, so that the two mints should be under the same rules. Dated 14 Apr. 1708. (*Holograph.*)

Minuted:—"Read 14th April 1708. As soon as any rep̄ntation comes from Scotland my lord will give such directions therein for Sir Isaac's reimbursement as shall be thought most proper." 1 *page*.

April 14. 55. *Docquetted*:—"Convention for levy money for 4000 Germans." "Levy money given by parliam^{t}: 20,000."

A paper containing certain articles of agreement, dated at the Hague, 14 Apr. 1708, commencing thus:—"The loss of the battle of Almanza having reduced the affairs of Spain to such a point, that without immediate succours, his Catholic Majesty will be obliged to quitt Catalonia, and there being no way to provide this succour sooner, than by transporting part of the imperial forces now in Italy, it is agreed by the underwritten persons, authoriz'd for this effect on the following considerations." The persons referred to are "Le P. et D. de Marlborough, [and] Eugene de Savoye."

His Imperial Majesty was to furnish 4,000 foot then in Italy, to be transported from Vado to Catalonia at the Queen's expense; which troops were also to be paid by the Queen, &c. 2 *pages*.

April 15. 56. "Order of Council ab^{t} the making fortifications at Portsmth, &c."

Order in Council for carrying out the works for the fortifications at Portsmouth and Chatham, as estimated by the engineers. (See Letter of Com^{rs} of Ordnance of 6 April, No. 46.) The Lord High Treasurer to provide the moneys. 1½ *pages*.

April 16. 57. Memorial of Lieut.-Gen^{l} Erle in behalf of the seven regiments broken at Almanza, commanded by Col. Wightman, Lord Mordaunt, Brigad^{r} Gorge, Lord Montjoy, Colonel Bowles, Brigadier Macartney, Lord Mark Kerr "and now under his direction," asking that directions might be given as to levy money, &c. Dated 16 April 1708. 1¼ *pages*.

April 16. 58. Report of Sir James Montague, Kn^{t}, Solicitor Gen^{l}, on the petition of Edward Progers, Esq. King Charles II. by letters patent of 22 July in the 30th year of the reign, demised the manor or bailiwick of Westminster to Sir Joseph Sheldon and Nicholas Charleton for 80 years, with an express covenant that the grantees

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should in all leases of the premises insert provisoes for the enrolment of such leases within one year of their date, or else that they should be void. By indenture of 25 Jan. 1680, the above Sir Joseph, Nicholas Charleton, and others demised the tenement called the Gate House, leading from King S^{t} into New Palace Yard, Westminster, &c., (parcel of the bailiwick) to the petitioner for 50½ years from Lady Day 1706, with the proviso for enrolment, but the indenture was not enrolled within the time prefixed. Yet he (the Solicitor) did not find that this omission had been in any way detrimental to the crown, and he conceived that if her Majesty confirmed the same, no inconvenience would ensue. Dated 16 April 1708.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

[About April 16.] 59. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, deputy Chamberlains, for joining tallies in the Court of Exchequer. Had received 5,228 tallies of moneys lent, and various other tallies, which they had sorted and disposed into such order that any one might be produced on demand, &c. Had usually received by warrant from the Treasury the eighth part of what was allowed to the officers and clerks in the Tally Court in the receipt of the Exchequer, which then amounted to 135*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; pray for a warrant for payment.

Certificate touching the same. Dated 16 April 1708. 2 *pages.*

April 17. 60. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. This week they and their principal officers had taken the oath of abjuration, and signed it before the Earl of Glasgow at the Treasury Chamber, and the act had been forwarded to all the ports. Nine butts of brandy had come up on the coast of Dundee. The country people were so fierce that they took one butt from the horse grenadiers; and two of them at Maulshaven killed themselves on the spot by drinking. A great deal more brandy came ashore staved. These wrecks were within the district of the Earl of Southesk and Penmore. From Montrose nine pipes more were secured, and six "confounded" by the mob, 12 were staved on the rocks, and several run away with by the natives. This confirmed them (the Com^{rs}) in the belief that the brandy was thrown out of the French fleet, and that never people were under greater consternation. The admirals of the coast carried it more and more haughtily to their officers. They (the Com^{rs}) annex a letter and "permit" to the collector of Dundee, acquainting him that the Earl of Crawford had the custom of Methell, Lymekills, and Torrie, and that he had his own collector in those ports. No kind of government could have subsisted; for if the Union had not happened, in a little time the whole branches of the revenue must have been divided into properties. It was for the advantage of the Union that he (M^{r} Lowndes) should be acquainted with the nature of this country and the temper of the people; and so they sent him a copy of a letter from the principal officer of Thurso, in Caithness. From "Schetland" their officer complained that the justices had set him in the stocks, and declared that wool might be exported from thence. From Port Patrick and Glasgow they had an account that a French privateer of about 16 guns had taken several vessels going into the Clyde, which made a great noise. Indeed the guarding of that river was of the highest consequence to the trade; the Glasgow merchants seeming to have the best spirit of any others in North Britain; and the taking off of the linen manufactures, &c. from the west countrymen for the plantations and the Leeward Islands, would in time become the best argument for bringing the people in those parts to an entire reconciliation to the Union; and then the Highlanders with their other reasons for disturbance of the Government, could not bring North Britain into any formidable embroil. Dated Edinburgh, 17 April 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Apr. 1708. Make an extract of so much as concernes guarding the River Clyde for Burchet, desiring him to lay it before ye P. Counsel, as a matter that imports y^e^ revenue as well as ye quiet of ye country." 3 *pages.*

April 19. 61. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of W^m^ Emerson and John Playel, keepers in Hyde Park, as to watering the roads in the park. He could make an agreement for 65*l.* per ann. for the future if his Lordship approved. Dated 19 April 1708.

The petition and a certificate. 2½ *pages.*

April 20. 62. Com^rs^ of Ordnance to the L^d^ High Treasurer. Computed that 60,000*l.* would be necessary that year to enable the office to carry on the works at Portsmouth and Chatham docks, viz., 30,000*l.* forthwith to make contracts, provide materials, and pay labourers and overseers, 20,000*l.* more in August next, and the remaining 10,000*l.* in November; but they were not at present prepared to say what the charge of the castles in Scotland would be. Dated 20 Apr. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 26th April 1708. 30,000li of y^e^ land tax tallies in the Trear̃ of the Navy's hands." 1½ *pages.*

April 20. 63. Report of Henry Stevens, "D.P.R.," to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Benson, Under-sheriff of Middlesex, concerning his fees for executing an extent against John Nutting, for a debt of 2,000*l.* Found that the R^t^ Hon. Thomas Earl of Southampton, Lord High Treasurer of England, and others, for encouragement of the sheriffs to do their duties, in executing the King's process, ordered an allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* for every 20*s.* levied and paid to the King's use, upon any *fieri facias*, extent, or other process awarded out of the Court of Exchequer; and that before that order the allowances for such service were uncertain; but since the order such allowances were usual. Was of opinion the petitioner was entitled to 1*s.* 6*d.* for every 20*s* of 654*l.* paid to her Majesty's use; but he could not find any instance of a dispute concerning the allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* for every 20*s.*, or other fee or reward, for money paid into the Exchequer, by the security of any person taken into the custody of a sheriff by process at law, therefore he must submit that part to his Lordship's judgment. Dated Inner Temple, 20 April 1708.

Also the petition.

Minuted :—"4 June 1708. The poundage to be allowed for 654^{li} only." 2 *pages.*

April 21. 64. "Com. Northton. An abstract of the produce of Lord Griffin's late estate from y^{e} time the crowne hath been in the receipt thereof unto Michas 1707 according to a rentall of particulars returned to me by M^{r} Robert Hart receiver." Signed Tho. Jell, 21 April 1708.

Minuted :—" 500^{li} to be pd̄ to M^{r} Rider to enable him to discharge so much of a debt of 2500*l.* w^{ch} y^{e} Lord Griffin (for whom M^{r} R^{r} was surety) borrowed of Valentine Duncomb upon a bond w^{ch} was as̃ed to y^{e} E. of R. who then was & still is a deb^{r} to y^{e} crown and 500^{li} to M^{r} Griffin in pa . . . of the debts owing to him out of the said forfeited estate; he promising thereout, to support his father whilest a prisoner." 1 *page.*

April 21. 65. The case of the rector of Barrowby, near Grantham, in Lincolnshire, (1) as to a pension of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid by him to the crown; (2) as to a salary of 47*s.* paid by the crown to him. The latter was in arrear for the year 1704 by the default of M^{r} Gilliver, the Deputy Receiver; praying payment of the arrear and the money extorted from him (the rector) by the Receiver. Dated 21 April 1708. 1 *page.*

Minuted :—" Send this to M^{r} Gilliver." 1 *page.*

April 21. 66. Sir Robert Munro to the Lord High Treasurer. The Sheriff of Ross had issued public intimations at each church within the eastern division of Ross, requesting the justices of the peace to meet, and at their meeting a letter was read from the Council Chamber to the justices of Ross-shire. The oath of abjuration was taken by him and the other gentleman, and nothing further could be done for want of a clerk. Would his Lordship procure an order from the Privy Council for them to choose their own clerk; and likewise that David Ross, of Bellnagowne, chieftain of the name of Ross, of undoubted loyalty, should be named a justice of the peace? It would encourage them much if directions were given to suppress intruders within the shire, who not only infested parishes, but possessed churches, &c. without legal title, contrary to the ecclesiastical constitution, whereby not only immoralities abounded, but Popish priests, jesuits, &c., who seduced her Majesty's subjects, were sheltered among them. Dated Inverbreakieness, 21 April 1708.

Minuted :—" The Cl. of Peace to be nominated by Cust. Rotulor. David Ross, of Inverchaslie, is in ye com̄ission, not of Bellnagown." 2 *pages.*

April 22. 67. Jo. Ince, secretary to the Directors of the Bank [of England], to John Taylor, Esq., Treasury Chambers. The bank would advance the 6,000*l.* desired by the Navy "on a deposit of land tax tallies, with my Lord Treasurer's minute to repay the same out of the first moneys to be paid into the Exchequer by the East India Company."

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They were induced to do so by the expectation that the 6,000*l.*, together with the former 20,000*l.*, would be punctually paid to them. Dated Bank, 22 April 1708. 1 *page.*

[About April 23.] 68. Memorial of Archibald Dowglass, of Cavers, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Was constituted Receiver General of rents and revenues in Scotland on 28 April 1707, with salary, &c. After the Union the customs, excise, and letter office were made payable to other persons; prays that such a salary as his Lordship should think reasonable should be annexed to his office.

Minuted:—"Read 23th April 1708. My Lord agrees that he shall have y^{e} like allowance, 2^{d} ꝑ pound, [as the] Rec^{r} Gen^{ll} of the land tax in Scotland as is allowed to y^{e} Rec^{r} Gen^{ll} in England." 1 *page.*

April 24. 69. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Referred to previous report of 16 Jan., on which his L^{p} directed that the debt of their office for stores to Barbadoes should be paid out of the revenue of 4½ per cent. arising in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands. As they had not received the least sum, hoped his L^{p} would give further directions. They required immediately 500 tons of saltpetre. The East India Co. was ready to deliver it to them on payment of 26,500*l.* Might they not propose the land tax tallies in their office "which were payable after 1,620,000?"

Minuted:—"Read 26 Apr. 1708. My Lord agrees to what is herein proposed as to the direccōns out of the 4 & ½ p cent. and the land tax." 1 *page.*

April 25. 70. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. Returned thanks for the establishment for Lady-day quarter. M^{r} Cocburn's petition should be considered speedily and reported on. Brandies had been run on the coast at Fisherraw, and 32 half hogsheads were found at Pinkney House, a seat of the Marquis of Tweeddale's; these were brought to the warehouses at Leith. Enclosed a presentment for a tidewaiter in the precinct of Cambletoun, which was too large for the officers. The above brandy came from Holland. Had sent to seize the ship. Were so sensible of the danger from Norway and Holland that they had bought a vessel of 35 tons to be fitted out speedily. The Earl of Leven was very free in granting soldiers to assist the collectors of Leith in the seizure, and appeared very active for the Government. Dated Edinburgh, 25 April 1708. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 26.] 71. "Double of the letter to his Royal Highness the Prince of Denmark." It is of the nature of a petition for the assistance of convoys to protect the trade on the coasts of Scotland from the Firth of Forth to the Orkneys on the east and from the Isle of Man to the Clyde on the west, which was much injured by French privateers. Captain Campbell, commander of H.M. ship the Dumbartone, had been lately taken by the French on the western coast. Undated, but about 26 April 1708. See *Pay Book* of the ship named, 5 Oct. 1707 to 26 April 1708. 1 *page.*

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April 27. 72. London Victualling Office, the 27 April 1708. An account of bills of exchange drawn from Lisbon by Commissioner Harlowe and M^{r} Stephen Bisse, agent for the service of the victualling, between 7th May 1705 and 13th April 1708, payable to Sir Hen^{y} Furnese. 1 *page.*

April 28. 73. Certificate signed "p̱ H. Bythell, Dept̃at. A. Maynwaring ar^{i} Au^{dris}," showing that Lord Orford claims on his final account 3,000*l.* per ann. for salary from 29 May 1699 to 27 Nov. following, when he acted as Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 28 April 1708. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 28. 74. Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. Touching the rules the masters of the packet boats ought to be under, in case they were licensed to export and import merchants' goods. By law the commanders of merchants' ships inwards were obliged for every voyage to come directly to the place of unlading, and to make a true entry on oath of the burthen, contents, and lading, with the particular marks, numbers, qualities, and contents of every parcel of goods therein laden, to the best of their knowledge, and who were the owners, under penalty of the forfeiture of 100*l.*; and they were bound to proceed in a similar manner outwards, under the like penalty. If his Lordship should licence these packet boats to import and export goods, it would be necessary for them to comply with the law, and be subject to searches, rules, &c. as the merchant vessels. They should be restrained to a limited quantity, viz., not to exceed five tons outwards and 10 tons home, being the same as was agreed upon between the governors of the Post Office and M^{r} Dummer for the packet boats employed to carry the Queen's mails between England and H.M. islands in America. Dated 28 April 1708.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak with the gov^{rs} of ye Post Office." 1½ *pages.*

[About April 28.] 75. Petition of the merchants of London to the L^{d} High Treasurer. The Com^{rs} of Customs had made a presentment for appointing three new officers to pass the petitioners' debentures through the several offices at the Custom House in the port of London, in which presentment were several matters which they (the merchants) conceived would be a discouragement to trade; praying for a copy of the presentment. 31 signatures.

Minuted:—"28th Aprill 1708. These merc̃hts, with the Com^{rs} of the Customs & patent officers to be heard on Wednesday next."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XIV., p. 201, 14 May 1708, is:—"Com^{rs} of Customes cald in & the merchants about the officers for passing their debenturs. The merch^{ts} are to have from ye Com^{rs} an extract of their presentm^{t}." 1 *page.*

April 30. 76. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Stephen Theard, merchant, who had been sentenced to stand in the pillory [three times] and to pay a fine of 50*l.* Theard says that his imprisoment had so disordered his affairs, that together with the shame and sorrow to which his offence had brought him, his undergoing the severity of the law would for ever incapacitate him for business and ruin him and his family. His sufferings he hoped might have made some atonement for his guilt. Asks a pardon and remission of the fine. The Com^rs^ conceived it would greatly conduce to the service of the revenue that the judgment should be executed on him for his fraud and forgery as a public example. 30 April 1708.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

April 30. 77. Com^rs^ of the Navy to M^r^ Lowndes. On the reference from the Lord High Treasurer of the petition from the officers and clerks of the dockyard at Plymouth, for relief from the taxes on their salaries: reporting in favour of their case. Dated 30 April 1708.

Minuted:—"Vide the report for Deptford and Woolw^ch^ and other yards by direccõn from hence, and what the sums that may be craved by these and the rest of the yards may amount to." 2 *pages* (*torn*).

April 30. 78. Report of the Solicitor General (Mountague) to the Lord High Treasurer, on various papers relating to demands on the forfeited estate of the late Lord Griffin. Besides an equity of redemption which the Earl of Ranelagh claimed from Lord Griffin, of certain lands in Braybrook (Northamptonshire), there was a bond given by Lord Griffin and M^r^ W^m^ Ryder to Valentine Duncomb for 2,500*l.* This bond would enable the Earl to answer his debt to the crown. If M^r^ Ryder (who was only a surety for the debt of Lord Griffin) satisfied this debt to the Earl, he would be entitled to some favour from the crown. M^r^ Ryder's case did seem to him (the Solicitor General) very compassionate, for he could not be reimbursed any part of the money he should pay for Lord Griffin's debt, out of Lord Griffin's estate, because of the attainder; and yet M^r^ Ryder was not a penny the better for the money borrowed of M^r^ Duncombe, &c. He, the Attorney General, was of opinion that the Earl of Ranelagh and M^r^ Ryder were justly entitled to a benefit of the Lord Griffin's unsettled estate. Dated 30 April 1708. 3½ *pages.*

April. 79. "Resolutions & addresses of the House of Commons to her Ma^tie^ and her Ma^ties^ gratiouse answers April 1708" as to proceeding with the works upon the fortifications of the docks at Portsmouth and Chatham, and the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling, and Inverlochy. 1 *page.*

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May 3. 1. Copy of letter of the Com^{rs} of the Navy as to payment of bills on the old debt of the navy. Dated 3 May 1708.

Minuted:—“Read 14th June 1708. Look out the directions that have been given in this matter formerly, and make a state thereof for my Lord Trear̃.”

Lower down is the statement of what had been done thereon. 1 *page*.

May 4. 2. Letter from M. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Sir Solomon de Medina wrote him by the last mail from Holland that the Duke of Marlborough had promised to recommend him to his Lordship, for the payment in ready money of 9,651*l*. 3*s*. 3*d*. on the advance for bread and bread waggons. The necessity of money at the opening of a campaign was very great, but as he was sensible that ready money was not “so plenty” as it was to be wished, besought his L^{p} to order him that day part of the sum, and the rest in tallies on the grand mortgage; although he had a good quantity of the tallies by him. Dated 4 May 1708.

Minuted:—“5th May 1708. Ordered in tallys on the mortgage.” 1 *page*.

May 6. 3. Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending the payment of M^{r} Wise's bill for works at St. James's Park, Kensington, Hampton Court Gardens, and Windsor, directed to be done by her Majesty. Dated 6 May 1708.

Minuted:—“3 June 1708. To be paid soon after y^{e} Queen is gone to Windsor.” *Again*:—“20th July 1708. Ordered by 500^{l} a week.”

The bill and a memorial and copy of previous report of the same officers. 4 *pages*.

May 6. 4. The same to the same. Her Majesty had signified her pleasure concerning works in the ground at Windsor, usually called Mastrike, and the road outside the wall from Windsor Town to Staines Road 25 feet wide. The gravel must be taken from the new canal by making it as much larger as it would afford gravel to make the road. The work to be performed out of hand would amount to a little more than 1,000*l*. They thought the road should be carried right through, tho' it were laid but one foot thick this year, and it should be raised another year as found necessary. The contract with M^{r} Wise for digging the gravel was 2½*d*. per yard, including the setting out the road and forming the canal. The contract with Cap^{t} Studholme for taking the gravel as it lay beside the canal and spreading it on the road was 1*s*. 10*d*. per yard solid; the length of the road being more than two miles. Dated 6 May 1708.

Minuted:—“10 May 1708. Read and agreed.” ½ *page*.

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May 6. 5. Agents [for Taxes] to William Lowndes, Esq. M^{r} Albert, the receiver for Worcestershire, had paid 6,850*l.*, and M^{r} Hosier, receiver of Salop, had paid 6,000*l.* They (the agents) conceived the respits might be taken off and that Hosier and Albert might be appointed receivers. Dated 6 May 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 8th May 1708. Ordrd accord^{gly}." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

May 6. 6. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclosed for his Lordship's consideration the petition of M^{r} Plowman for her Majesty's bounty in commiseration of his age and losses; and in consideration of a stock of provisions of the value of 600*l.* seized by him at New York at the time of the Revolution for the public service. Dated Whitehall, 6 May 1708.

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^{e} Q. 100^{li} out of secret ser. money as of Her Ma^{ts} free guift & royall bounty. Paid 3 Nov^{r} 1708." 3 *pages.*

May 6. 7. Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract of a petition of M^{r} Griffin, praying that some of the money raised out of his father's estate might be ordered for his support during his confinement in the Tower. Her Majesty desires his L^{p} to give orders thereon. Whitehall, 6 May 1708.

The extract. 2 *pages, quarto.*

April 20 and May 8. 8. Col. Robert Quary to the Lord High Treasurer. Had given his Lordship a short state of the northern provinces relating to their trade and government, and an account of their very ill-conduct in the expedition against Port Royal, the fatal consequences of which would ruin the trade of New England, and would have a very ill effect on the other governments in North America. Port Royal being now so well fortified, and its situation so near to Boston, it would be made the commission port for all the privateers from Canada, Placentia, and from Martinico and Guadaloupe; so that all the coasts along the main, to the capes of Virginia, would find the ill effects of these privateers, if not prevented by H.M. guard ships appointed for Virginia, New York, and New England. Had come thus far on his visiting all the southern governments. M^{r} Geo. Plater, H.M. Receiver in Petuxen, was lately dead, and his Excellency Col. Seymour had appointed M^{r} John Rowsby to that office. There was no fund to answer the salary, and the other advantages were so precarious that they were of little value and not able to subsist an officer; but being joined with the naval officer's place some profits might be got out of the fines and forfeitures, but not sufficient. Dated Maryland, 20 April 1708.

Also letter from the above Col. John Seymour to the same, announcing the death and appointment above mentioned. Dated Maryland, 8 May 1708. 2 *pages.*

May 8. 9. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to M^{r} Lowndes. The Controller of Dumfries had been with them, who said that some merchants pressed mightily to carry back some tobacco to England, which was sent thence before 1 May last. Enclose a declaration from a place near Port Patrick, that David Drummond was seized there on suspicion. 61 French "Lewis d'ores" were found on him. If what he set forth were true, Mr Lowndes could judge the danger that such a practice might produce and remedy it. They had acquainted the Earl of Leven, the general here, with this affair; for tho' this man passed for a fraudulent dealer in trade, he might be a traitor. Further remark as to drawbacks on fish and brandy seized. 30 odd casks were got by the "Herrald" sent out to take up the country fellows, that were to have carted these latter away, by telling them and their wives that the husbands must go for soldiers if all the run goods were not discovered. Though this did not move the men, yet the women ran to the holes and dunghills where the goods were hidden.

P.S.—The Earl of Leven had promised to order a serjeant and 20 men to protect the brandy, and to direct an officer and some horse to bring Drummond hither, for it looked as if he had other business in those parts than spending his 61 "pistoles" amongst his old acquaintance. Lord Leven was very hearty in the Queen's business. Dated Edinburgh, 8 May 1708.

Copy of the "declaration." 3½ *pages.*

May 10. 10. Order in Council made upon a report of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations founded on the petition of Joshua de Kocherthall, "the Evangelical minister," in behalf of himself and 41 poor Lutherans who came from the Lower Palatinate in Germany, and who prayed to be transported to H.M. Plantations in America. They were entirely destitute, and had become so by the ravages of the French in the Lower Palatinate. The Comrs would have proposed that they should be settled at Jamaica or "Antego," as there were large tracts of land there not taken up or inhabited, and great want of white people; but as the climate of those islands was so much hotter than that part of Germany from whence they came, it was to be feared that it might not be agreeable to their constitutions. The Comrs therefore proposed that they should be settled upon Hudson River, in the province of New York, where they might be useful to this kingdom, particularly in the production of naval stores, and as a frontier against the French and their Indians. This her Majesty might do by granting them the usual number of acres of land, if her Majesty would confirm the Act passed at New York, 2 Mar. 1698–9, for annulling several extravagant grants made by Col. Fletcher, late Governor of that province; without which there was no land but what was engrossed by the patentees of those extravagant grants. The cheapest way to transport them would be in the man-of-war and transport ship, that should be ordered to go with the Lord Lovelace; otherwise it would cost 10*l.* a head for the men and women and proportionably for the children. The Comrs further proposed that they should be supplied with agricultural tools, as well as assistance for the first year, and further that they be made denizens. Her Majesty in Council approved the report and recommended the Lord High Treasurer to provide the means. Dated 10 May 1708. 3 *pages.*

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May 10. 11. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer an extract of a memorial of John Lord Lovelace, her Majesty's Governor of the Province of New York, relating to stores of war for that province, and to the usual presents for the Indians, for consideration and a report thereon. Dated 10 May 1708.

The extract referred to. 2½ *pages.*

May 11. 12. Ordnance officers to the Lord High Treasurer, for the remission of the taxes on their officers. Dated 11 May 1708.

Minuted:—"To be considered wth the papers for allowing ye taxes to ye Navy officers." *Again*:—"3 June 1708. To be don as usual." 1 *page.*

May 15 13. "Report of ye Genll Officrs on ye meml of Lt Genll Harvey," as to claims for horses and arms for the regiment under his command, the Lieut.-General on his embarkation for Portugal having delivered over the horses of his regiment for the Duke of Ormonde's regiment in Ireland to the value of 6,000*l.* Dated 15 May 1708.

The Minute as to the horses is:—"My Lord thinks if there be such an extra charge it ought to be borne by the regt to whom ye horses were đd," and as to the arms, "This article doth not at all pteyne to my Lord, but applicacon should be made to ye Office of Ordñce." 3 *pages.*

May 17. 14. The Earl of Lauderdale [to an officer of the Mint in the Tower ?]. "Mr Borthik," the assay master, had died and no one could supply his place until her Majesty gave her commission to another. Had named Mr Trumbol as fit for the post. The affair required despatch, as the proclamations for calling in the old money were peremptory, and could not be altered without a new proclamation, which would take time. Draws attention to the payment of the salaries of the officers and servants. The mint there being conformable to that in the Tower, he wished they were uniform in this also. All the directions sent to the mint were either from the Earl of Mar or Loudun, and it was talked that they were no longer secretaries, and so he (the writer), asked to whom he should apply. Dated Haltoun, 17 May 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 26 May 1708. Respited for 5 or 6 days to hear from my Lord Marr after his arrival in Scotd." *Again*, "Direct the Execr of Mr Stuart to pay in his ballance as the officers of ye Mint shall call for it." 3 *pages, 8vo.*

May 18. 15. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to Wm Lowndes, Esqre. Had great consolation that three men-of-war were to cruise between the North Ireland and North Scotland, and that the Seaford prize was to attend the mouth of the River Clyde. It troubled them that the Dunbarton man-of-war was taken, and *that* news had struck a great damp into the Glasgow men and others in the west and south of these parts, which was increased by news from Campletown in the Duke of Argyle's country called Cantire, for a French rogue was on the 10th inst. at the island of Sana, not far from thence, and had taken a small vessel belonging to that place in her way from

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Dublin. To quiet these apprehensions they had written to all the ports on the Irish side of the Queen's goodness and the Lord High Admiral's care. Dated Edinburgh, 18 May 1708. 2 *pages.*

May 20. 16. "Sa: McClellan"* [Provost of Edinburgh] to ——. The "city" had the right and privilege of being sheriffs and justices of the peace within their bounds, and had been in the constant possession thereof above 100 years. Some few justices of Mid-Lothian had presumed to hold courts, seize their burgesses and carry them to prison, pretending accumulative jurisdiction with the magistrates since the union of the two kingdoms, notwithstanding their rights and privileges were expressly reserved. He and the other magistrates had been addressed from all corners thereon, and had promised to bring the matter before her Majesty. Draws attention to the want of the duties on French wines, &c. The city would not be able to pay the public taxes. Hoped his Lordship would find out some fund to supply their losses since the Union. If the rights and privileges of the city were lessened, no one would undertake the office of magistrate. Dated Edinburgh, 20 May 1708.

Minuted:—"Answered 8th June 1708." [*See* Vol. CXL. No. 17.] 2 *pages.*

May 21. 17. The Lord Chancellor (Cowper) to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking that Mr Scroop, who was about to return to Scotland, might have his additional or private salary of 500*l.* per ann. assured to him. Mr Taylor made a difficulty of it. Reminding his Lordship that Mr Scroop quitted a business of considerably above 500*l.* a year, which was continually increasing. Dated 21 May 1708. 1 *page.*

May 24. 18. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had sent an account of money disbursed for building the barracks at Dublin, and an estimate for their completion, by Thomas Burgh, Esq., Surveyor General of her Majesty's works in Ireland. Asks for the issue of 12,093*l.* 14*s.* 9¼*d.* for the same. Dated 24 May 1708.

Minuted:—"26th May 1708. A warrt to be prepared accordingly." 2 *pages, quarto.*

May 24. 19. The same to the same. Had referred the petition and papers of Charles Hubblethorne to the Lords Justices. Sends their opinion, and a report of the Auditor General of the Revenues of Ireland. It appeared that Queen Mary in 1694 had granted the petitioner 100*l.* per ann., and the Lords Justices in 1697 represented the case to his late Majesty, but he (the Lord Lieut.) could not find that anything was done thereon. Dated 24 May 1708.

The report of the Lords Justices. Had referred the petition of Charles Hubblethorne to her Majesty's Auditor General, whose report they transmit, by which it appeared the petitioner was entitled to the pension of 200*l.* per annum and arrears. Dated Dublin Castle, 3 April 1708. [For the report of the Auditor General see Vol. CVI., No. 18.] 2 *pages.*

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* On the docquet he is called "Sir John McClan.

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May 26. 20. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses the demands of persons for their trouble and charges in the last Parliament in Ireland (anno 1707). Considering the great business transacted thinks them reasonable. Asks for a warrant for payment out of the revenues in Ireland. Dated 26 May 1708. 1 *page, quarto.*

[About May 26.] 21. "A distribution of the 200,000^{li} for the first payment from the East India Company [on 12 May 1708] and 160,000^{li} for y^{e} 2^{d} payment on y^{e} first Annuity Act" [on 26 May 1708]. 1 *large page.*

May 27. 22. George Churchill to Major William Churchill at Dorchester. Had received advice of the death of Denzell Onslow, and had spoken to the Prince and the Lord Treasurer not to fill the vacancy caused thereby in the Victualling Office until he had his (the Major's) answer. He adds, "for if you thinke you can secure your election againe, you may have itt if you please." Dated 27 May 1708. 1 *page.*

April 23–May 28. 23. Proposals of Sir Henry Furnese to the Lord High Treasurer, as to giving bills to M^{r} Bridges on Amsterdam and Antwerp, for the supply of H.M. forces in Flanders; and on Genoa and Leghorn for the supply of the King of Spain and forces in Catalonia. Dated 23 Apr. and 28 May 1708. 3 *pages, quarto.*

The first is *minuted:* "Read and agreed to," and the last is noticed in the *Minute Book,* Vol. XIV., p. 204, "And the paym^{r} is to be directed to take care that whatsoever these crowns make out in Catalonia that the advantage is to be charged for the Queen's benefit." 3 *pages.*

May 31. 24. "Estimate of presents for the Indians to be sent by the Lord Lovelace, Governor of New York."

The estimate is signed by "Tho. Dummer" and dated Great Wardrobe, the 31th of May 1708. 1 *page.*

May 31. 25. Com^{rs} of Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Lowndes. Had received M^{r} Lowndes letter and Doctor Morley's memorial in relation to the accounts of M^{r} Joseph Gyde, their late agent at Jamaica, with the Lord Treasurer's directions, to bring their answer that day. M^{r} Churchill, who was a commissioner, had been appointed to examine these accounts just before he left the office; but was obliged to quit in order to his election at Ipswich. He had promised to finish his examination and lay it before the Board, but was not expected at home for a week. Ask leave to defer their answer on the memorial. Dated 31 May 1708. 2 *pages.*

May 31. 26. Report of Sir James Mountague, Solicitor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorials and papers of Col. John Rice, Captain Obryan, Joseph Knight, Charles O'Hara, and John Asgill, touching the debentures made out to the said Col. Rice, for which he is to account according to the course of the Exchequer, as directed by a late Act of Parliament in that behalf. The report finishes thus:—"I doe humbly conceive that it may be advisable to cause as many of the said debentures, and as much of the produce thereof, as can be mett with in the hands of Coll. Rice, or any of his agents & trustees, to be seised into the Queen's hands as soon as may be, to prevent any further wast and imbezlem^t thereof." Dated 31 May 1708.

Also the papers referred to.

Minuted :—" 11 June 1708. To be read Monday next in y^e afternoon." 10 *pages.*

June 1. 27. "State of the Provost of Glasgow's election as member of Parliament." June first 1708. The 26th of May 1708 was appointed for the district of Glasgow, Dunbarton, Renfrew, and Rutherglen, for choosing a Commissioner at Glasgow (the presiding burgh) as member of Parliament, conformably to the Articles of Union. The clerk of the meeting had returned to the Sheriff of Lanerk the name of Robert Rodger, the provost of Glasgow, as duly elected; but Daniel Campbell had laid a project of disappointing the legal election by a sham election of himself, combining with Collin Campbell for that purpose. M^r Campbell's procedure was absolutely null, because by the Acts of Parliament the common clerk of the presiding burgh was the only person empowered to make a return, &c. If M^r Campbell did not desist, it was expected that he would be exemplarily punished. 2½ *pages.*

June 2. 28. W^m Popple, jun^r, on behalf of the Com^rs of Trade and Plantations, to W^m Lowndes, Esq. The Com^rs found that the petitioner, Captain Richard Long, was appointed to the Rupert prize to make discoveries of gold mines, wrecks, and other treasure on the coast of America. By a contract made with the Treasury (1697) his late Majesty was to receive 10,000*l.* out of the first profits derived by the petitioner, and for seven years his Majesty was to receive $\frac{9}{10}$ths and the petitioner $\frac{1}{10}$th of the profits, after which his Majesty was to have the whole. But notwithstanding the great charge the King was at in fitting out the "Rupert" prize for that service, the crown received no benefit. The captain suggested that the undertaking failed from apprehension of danger from the "Spanish Barlevent" fleet, then said to be on the coast. Their Lordships found that the allegation of the petitioner, that he laid the first foundation of a commerce with the Indians of Darien, was not well grounded; for the inhabitants of Jamaica, &c. had a commerce with those Indians long before the petitioner's undertaking. The petitioner having lost the journal of his transactions with those Indians, relative to the information received from them of the gold mines at Cany, their Lordships had no other proof than the petitioner's affidavit. As to his disbursements for presents to the Indians, their Lordships were of opinion that nothing further was due to him. Dated 2 June 1708. 2 *pages.*

April 21—June 2. 29. Proposals of Sir Theodore Janssen to the Lord High Treasurer to give bills for Turin at certain rates. Dated 28 Jan. 1707–8, 21 Apr. and 2 June 1708. 3 *pages, quarto.*

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1708. [About June 3.] 30. Petition of Jonathan Wright, poulterer, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had credited William Killigrew, Esq., with several goods, to the value of 16*l.*, for which he pretended he could not pay, not having received his pension out of the Treasury, and sheltered himself in the verge of the Court; praying the debt might be stopped out of the pension.

Minuted:—"3 June 1708. My Lord cannot take cognisance of Mr Killigrew's debt." 1 *page*.

June 3. 31. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Arnold, paymaster of the malt lottery tickets, advising that his salary for himself and clerks should be increased to 400*l.* per ann. He paid away 200,000*l.* a year in 14,000 payments. Dated Exchequer, 3 June 1708.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Read 4th June 1708. Agreed." 2 *pages*.

[About June 3.] 32. Petition of the Clothiers of Her Majesty's forces in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal, to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of off-reckonings.

Referred to the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster-General of H.M. forces, to report thereon. 1 *page*.

June 5. 33. Comrs of Customs (Edinburgh) to William Lowndes, Esq. Sending the establishment or particulars of the Custom House officers from 1 May 1707 to 1 August following. They were generally at their posts, were very poor, and many had been dismissed, and these were the most impatient. Mention arrival of vessels, &c. Send a certificate of a French privateer given to a master of a small vessel, that the Ld High Treasurer might see how obliging the French King's subjects pretended to be to these people, and that they still style North Britain "le royaume d'Ecosse." Dated Edinburgh, 5 June 1708.

Also the establishment and the certificate referred to. 9 *pages and* 2 *parts*.

June 7. 34. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Dr Morley, laying before his Lordship "a narrative of the whole matter." The report is on the management of the sick and wounded seamen at Jamaica by Mr Hugh Gain, who was appointed by Admiral Bembow in Feb. 1701–2, and superseded by the Comrs in June 1704, Mr Joseph Gyde being appointed to succeed him on the recommendation of Dr Morley. Mr Gyde on his voyage out was taken prisoner into France, and came back to England. He, however, arrived in Jamaica in June 1705. Mr Gain, having passed his accounts to the satisfaction of the Comrs, was again sent out to supersede Mr Gyde, who did not give satisfaction to the Comrs, and had been by them dismissed. [Gain proposed to subsist the sick men at 12*d.* a man per diem, and Gyde complained that he could not save himself harmless under 2*s.* a day, Jamaica money.] Dr Morley's expectation to have the Madeira wine charged to the contingencies was altogether new to them (the Comrs), nor was it ever demanded by Gyde or by Gain, it being the proper drink of the country, and what her Majesty allowed the well seamen, &c. Dated 7 June 1708.

The memorial referred to, and an account. 8 *pages.*

June 8. 35. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer. Proceedings had been taken against M^{r} Arnold Browne, the late agent for prizes at Jamaica, who was cast in the sum of 6,499*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* due to her Majesty, and was imprisoned there for that amount. His effects had been conveyed away, but the Com^{rs} did not discover from the letters of M^{r} Alexander Hamilton, their agent, that the securities had been prosecuted, and they had given directions for the same; praying his Lordship's directions to be given to the Governor for effectual prosecution to be carried out. Dated 8 June 1708.

Minuted:—"Write to Gov^{r} Handasyde for his assistance & care in the recov͛y of ye m^{o} due frō A. Browne." "The Com^{rs} are to send my Lord a copy of ye security. Lrẽ writ 17th June 1708." 1 *page.*

June 8. 36. Memorial of Joseph Knight, of London, Esq., for himself and M^{r} Charles O'Hara, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be heard by counsel before his Lordship upon their claims to certain waste lands and woods in Ireland, which they allege they bought for 1,811*l.* 5*s.*, but which the Solicitor General in Ireland had recommended should be seized into her Majesty's hands, on the supposition that they only held the lands as trustees for Col. John Rice. Dated 8 June 1708.

Minuted:—"To be read when y^{e} rep^{t} is laid before my Lord." 1 *page.*

[? About June 8.] 37. Michael Studholm to the Lord High Treasurer. Had not ready money to proceed with the new road round the House Park at Windsor. It would require 100*l.* a week, and 1,400*l.* were due to him for disbursements in the late reign. Asks for part of the arrears.

Minuted:—"Read 8th June 1708. 400^{li} to be paid to him by advance, to enable him to go on wth this service." 1 *page.*

June 9. 38. Report of J. Baker and others to the Lord High Treasurer upon a reference directing them to inform themselves upon what grounds the report of Sir Edw^{d} Northey and others mentioned by the committee of the House of Commons, was made, and what was the real damage sustained by the owners and freighters of the ship, Worcester, seized and condemned in Scotland, and what they conceived should be allowed in respect thereof. They were of opinion that the damage to the owners and freighters was 16,225*l.* 5*s.* 5½*d.*, and that 11,225*l.* 5*s.* 5½*d.* were due to them as a balance. Dated 9 June 1708.

With the report is an account of the details of the cargo, and two other papers. 10½ *large pages and* 4 *smaller.*

June 9. 39. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, stating the debt of their office, asking for money to pay the artificers and to subsist the trains abroad. They had received

33,500*l.* in tallies on the land tax and 28,692*l.* in tallies on low wines, but had not been able to dispose of them. They had but 1,000*l.* in money, and there were bills of exchange for 7,000*l.* on them from Spain, &c. Dated 9 June 1708.

Minuted:—"Out of 20,000li E. Inda Compa on 12th July 1708 44,404 4 4." 1 *page.*

June 11. 40. Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits the memorial of Simon Clement, whose proposal of importing pitch and tar seemed to be so advantageous that her Majesty wished the Lord High Treasurer to take it into consideration. Dated 11 June 1708.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 11. 41. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the petition of Mr John Meesters, and on several papers claiming 1,094*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* due to him as executor of his father, William Meesters, Esq., deceased, alleging that his father bought machine vessels, stink ships, &c. The Comrs found that the services out of which the claim arose had not any relation to the Navy, &c., and therefore left it to his Lordship's consideration. Dated 11 June 1708. 4 *pages.*

[? About June 11.] 42. Memorial of several colonels whose regiments were reduced in Spain in Feb. 1706 to the Duke of Marlborough, Captain General of H.M. forces, &c. The regiments had been at great charge in raising their companies, and suffered great losses by desertion, not being allowed anything for great numbers of men to whom they gave extraordinary levy money, &c. The colonels pray an order for preventing "the respit of the commission, non-commission officers, and drums," and that the regiments might be allowed on certain musters or upon certificates sworn before the justices.

Minuted:—"11 June 1708. My Lord will speak wth Genll Erle about ye last part of this memll." 1 *page.*

June 12. 43. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Walter Stuart, merchant, as to certain "lustrings" and alamodes imported from Scotland. Adhering to their former report. Dated 12 June 1708.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted:—"Approved." 2 *pages.*

June 14. 44. William Borrett to William Lowndes, Esq. Relates the methods he had taken in performing the service commanded by the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to informations and popular actions. Constantly in term time he searched all the minutes and orders of the several courts in Westminster Hall; and in the vacations searched the offices of the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas to see what writs were sued out in popular actions and upon penal laws. As to matters within his enquiry, he found in the Court of Exchequer such orders made, and the money due for her Majesty's part regularly paid into the Exchequer. But as to the actions and proceedings in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, he had not found such regular proceedings, few of them being carried further than suing out the writ, and this he believed arose from the parties making it up. He constantly also searched the sheriffs' offices, and when money was levied in execution, took care to see the sheriff answered her Majesty's part. Calls his Lordship's attention to the *writ of distringas ad computandum* against accountants, which was become very insignificant, also to the prevention of the ill practices of attorneys in popular actions and informations on penal statutes. Dated 14 June 1708. 1 *page.*

June 15. 45. William Lowndes, Esq., to Mr Brydges. Transmits a letter and account sent by Mr Chetwynd, the latter made up by the "general of the finances to the Duke of Savoy" for the expenses of the last campaign, for Mr Brydge's examination and observations. Dated 15 June 1708.

Accompanied by the account of provisions and other expenses made in the army in the year 1707 for the expedition to Toulon, as well as an account of the money the Queen had to pay. (*French.*) 5½ *pages.*

June 15. 46. The same to Mr Solicitor General. Transmits a letter from the Earl of Sunderland, H.M. Principal Secretary of State, with extract from a petition of Col. Leighton, praying that Mr Borrett might have directions to proceed in the affair relating to the place of Warden of the Fleet [prison] at her Majesty's charge for consideration and advice, as to what the charge might amount to and why the crown should bear the same. Dated 15 June 1708.

The letter and extract.

Minuted:—"4 Sepr 1708 Mr Borret to prosecute the discovery of these incumbrances at her Mats charge, and to acqt my Lord from time to time wth his proceedings & the charge thereof." With this further memorandum: "The rept sent inclosed in the lre to Mr. Borret & entered at large in the Lre Book." [See *Letter Book,* Vol. XII., pp. 461–463. The proceedings referred to were for the recovery of the office of Warden of the Fleet into her Majesty's hands, the costs of which the Solicitor General believed would not be under 300*l.*] 3 *pages.*

June 15. 47. Thomas Byde to the Lord [High Treasurer], sending by order of the General Officers an account of the proceedings of the Comrs appointed to inspect and regulate the clothing of the army, contained in two reports, the recommendations of which the General Officers conceive should be complied with. Dated Horse Guards, Whitehall, 15 June 1708.

The reports referred to. 8 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

June 16. 48. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer. Certify that informations as to excise were generally cognizable before them in London and within the "Bills of Mortality," and before the justices of the peace in other parts of the kingdom, &c.

Docquetted:—"Report concerning informations prosecuted in the Courts at Westmr & how the same have been attended by the Sollr." Dated 16 June 1708. 1 *page.*

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June 16. 49. Report of Henry Stevens, Deputy Remembrancer of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the securities for M^{r} Gyde, late agent at Jamaica of the Com^{rs} of Sick and Wounded. Dated 16 June 1708.

The letter of reference and a letter from the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded.

Minuted:—"18 June 1708. Let him give security for y^{e} 1000^{li} in y^{e} Excheq^{r} and then the bills will be paid." 3 *pages.*

June 17. 50. "17 June 1708. 6. An Estimate of the charge of armes and other stores deliver'd to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lord Lovelace, Governor of New York, as a present from her Ma^{ty} to the 5 Indian Nations." 1 *page.*

17 & 18 June. 51. Geo. Dodington to the Lord High Treasurer, on behalf of M^{r} Corbet and himself, asking that their salaries of 400*l.* per ann. each, might be allowed for duties discharged in connection with the Treasurership of the Navy. Dated 17 June 1708.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also certificate relating thereto. Dated 18 June 1708. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[About 19 June.] 52. Notes and memoranda as to grants to the Duke of Leeds, showing claims by him amounting to 1,048*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Minuted:—"Read to y^{e} Queen 19th June 1708. As the rent of 40^{l} a year is answer'd to Her Ma^{ty} from Queen Dowager's death (in case it be answer'd) it shall be given to his grace. And as to his fee farm Rents, they are to be reprized if reprisals can be found."

The 40*l.* per ann. referred to was a reserved rent issuing from the Forest of Whichwood. The fee farm rents were (1) from Softly coal mines, in the bishopric of Durham, and (2) the Soke of Somersham, in the co. of Huntingdon. 3 *pages.*

June 19. 53. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to M^{r} Lowndes. M^{r} Lowndes would see what a noise a couple of French privateers had made on the West coast. Hoped the frigates would meet with them. Their station should be from the north of Ireland to the north of Scotland, and as far into the S^{t} George's Channel as the Isle of Man. They should send ashore for intelligence there, at Port Patrick, and at Cambletown (in Cantire). Believed the French had intelligence from the land. That side of the country was inflamed, for the merchants of Glasgow had not the least account of the cruising frigates at any of the western ports, and there was no little noise there (Edinburgh), that for a long time the men-of-war under Captain Bois, for the east side, had not been heard of; notwithstanding that off Aberdeen, Montrose, &c., there was no passing for small vessels; the Dunkirkers or other French swarming along that shore. A letter of mart man of Leith had brought in a ship of above 100 tons laden with French wines. She would pay a good round sum. Dated Edinburgh, 19 June 1708.

There is a postscript written by A. Rigby at 10 at night, which says that the cruisers had returned from the northward, and brought

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a "Martinico man," reported to be worth 10,000*l.*, &c. She was met with off Zetland "agoing north about to Dunkirk." 2 *pages.*

[About June 19.] 54. Petition of Lewis and Anthony Driver, sons of Robert Driver, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for relief, their father having been very serviceable in discovering timber trees in the forest of Rockingham, valued at about 5,000*l.*, of which the crown would have been defrauded but for his care.

Certificate containing particulars of the trees, and copy of the Surveyor General's report thereon. Dated 26 August 1704.

Minuted :—"Read to y^e Q. 19^th June 1708. Their circumstances are to be examined into, and then my Lord is to order them a reward for their father's services."

There is a note that they were in the utmost necessity; signed S. Compton. 5 *pages.*

[About June 19.] 55. "Province of the Massachusetts Bay. An Act for the better providing and furnishing of masts for her Ma^ts Royal Navy." An examined copy. 2 *pages.*

June 20. 56. Col. J. Dudley to the L^d High Treasurer, proposing the building of a ship of war for her Majesty to convoy the mast ships home, and to bring an equal load with the best of them. This business of building would employ and keep the inhabitants more strictly to their dependence. He (the Col.) had obtained a law in New Hampshire from the last Assembly, and the Assembly of this province was sitting, and he supposed would do the same, which would for ever make her Majesty's officers safe and steady, and no man would run the hazard of so great penalties as were provided. There was nothing left undone to make her Majesty's subjects easy and safe from the enemy, both by sea and land, and everybody saw it, tho' for want of officers and regular forces, he could do nothing against regular fortifications at Port Royal and Quebec, but it might be easily done with a force from home. Dated Boston, 20 June 1708. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

June 20. 57. Benjamin Bennett to the Lord High Treasurer. Had sent the whole proceedings, both at law and equity, relating to the house his predecessor, Col. Day, built on a piece of waste ground in the town of S^t George's, Bermuda. The reason he had not transmitted them to the Council Office was that he concluded it was Col. Day's business. Hoped Sir Tho^s Day had not reflected on him in his petition in relation to this prosecution. Should be glad to hear her Majesty had granted to Col. Day her title to the house and ground. Dated Bermuda, 20 June 1708.

The proceedings referred to, certified as correct copies on 12 June 1708. 16½ *pages.*

June 21. 58. "A state of my Lord Raby's demands as envoy and afterwards as Ambassador Extra^ry to the King of Prussia."

Drawn up and signed by Christopher Tilson on 21 June 1708. He says, "Since the Excheq^r is so little able at present to supply money for demands of this nature, I do most humbly propose that what your Lordp shall please to order, be paid my Lord Raby out of leases to be made by himselfe on Tyn."

Minuted :—"21th June 1708. My Lord agrees the extrarys shall be paid in manner proposed, but not to exceed the regulacõn. My Lord has warrts before him for the ordinary entertainmts of all the forreigne ministers, and dos not enter into the consideracõn of Lord Raby's demands on that head." 1 *large page.*

June 21. 59. J. W. Southerland (Countess Dowager of Sutherland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Makes a claim to a debt of 60*l.* per ann., amounting to above 400*l.*, for her jointure, house, and lands, "commonly called St Ann's yeards," lying adjacent to the Abbey of Holyrood House, of which she had been in possession since A.D. 1655. The debt had been acknowledged, but was still unpaid, the "tacksmen pretending they had no money." Asks his Lordship effectually to plead the cause of the widowand poor "orphants," as she was then old and "had use for her own," and had many grandchildren that had no portions, and were orphans. Dated "Abbay, 21st June 1708."

Accompanied by a certificate. 2 *pages.*

June 22. 60. Comrs of Customs (Edinburgh) to the Honble William Lowndes, Esq. Rejoiced at the method adopted for the collector at Leith to keep an account of convoys and cruisers, so that they (the Comrs) might now take cognizance of what her Majesty's captains were doing in their stations and in the ports they touched at; for it had long been a matter of great lament that the commanders had been superior to all observation but that of the Admiralty. It would be for the [good of the] service if the like instructions were lodged with the collector of Port Glasgow, and that the Lord High Admiral would condescend to give them leave to write their thoughts to him about securing the trade of that country (as well as to the Lord High Treasurer), and to order the commanders of the men-of-war, when they came into Leith Road, to commune with them to that end, and to be diligent as they ranged along the coast in sending ashore their barges for intelligence. They (the Comrs) would take care to furnish every collector or principal officer with what might be necessary, and direct them to be prepared with what could be learnt within their district; for the French were become so familiar, both on the west and east coast, that they not only molested the small craft along the shore and big ships in the offing, but often (as the Comrs suspected) brought and carried intelligence from and to the enemy. The necessity for having a strict eye on their actions had been the more in their (the Comrs) minds since the coming in of Captain Bois, commander of the Bonadventure man-of-war, who was very rude to the collector. They would not have complained thus fully ("seamen being naturally ruff") but that they found the Captain continued boisterous. Dated Edinburgh, 22 June 1708.

Minuted :—"28 June 1708. Not to write to the Admiralty,

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but to my Lord Trear̃er, who will represent an extract of what concernes the Adm^{ty} (excl. of w^{t} concernes their writing) to be sent to M^{r} Burchett." 2 *pages.*

June 22. 61. R. Walpole to M^{r} Lowndes. Encloses a state of the case of the French officers who served the Duke of Savoy in Piedmont, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 22 June 1708.

The enclosure is not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 25. 62. Draft of a commission appointing General Erle to be commander-in-chief of the forces that accompany the fleet. Dated 25 June 1708. 3 *pages.*

June 25. 63. Articles of agreement as to printing the 7th volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Signed John Anstis, T. Rymer, and A. Churchill. Dated 25 June 1708. (Seals torn away.)

Minuted:—" Read 18th Sep^{r} 1710. My Lords do agree to this, but speak wth M^{r} Anstis before the warr^{t} be signed." 1 *large page.*

June 28. 64. Affidavit of William Bowyer in relation to the printing of the sixth volume of Rymer's Fœdera. Sworn 28 June 1708. 1 *page.*

June 29. 65. Sir Sa. M^{c}Clellan to the Lord High Treasurer. Hopes the judges will be of the same mind as the Solicitor General, as to the duty of a mark per pack and tun of all goods imported into the city. Also sets forth the right of the magistrates of the city to be justices of the peace within the bounds and liberties thereof, which was claimed also by the justices of the county of Midlothian. Dated Edinburgh, 29 June 1708. 2 *pages.*

June 29. 66. Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing petition of the Lady Mowat and the Lord Lieut. of Ireland's report thereon for his orders. Dated 29 June 1708.

The report referred to. The Lord Lieut. had referred the petition to the Lords Justices, who had again referred it to the Auditor General. The report of the latter the Lord Lieut. transmitted, with a recommendation of a pension of 100*l.* a year to Lady Mowat, in consideration of the circumstances in which her mother left her.

The letter of the Lords Justices.

The report of the Auditor General and the petition are not now enclosed.

Minuted:—" 4th Sept. 1708. My Lord will speak with my Lord L^{t} about this. A w^{t} during pl." 3 *pages, quarto.*

June 29. 67. The King of Spain's account stated from the issues made at the receipt of the Exchequer to James Brydges, Esq., paymaster of Her Majesty's forces, for the years 1706, 1707, and 1708. Dated 29 June 1708. 8 *pages.*

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July 2. 1. Various articles of grievance voted at an assembly for the province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, held at Boston 26 May 1708.

Also the answer of the Governor and Council thereto. Dated 2 July 1708.

The matters touched upon are (1) the expenses of the fortifications at Salem, Marblehead, and Charlestown; (2) illuminations; (3) court-martial on the miscarriage of the late expediton to Nova Scotia; (4) the payment to Capt. Southack of 40*s.* per month more than to any other sea commander; (5) the allowance of large sums to the Governor and his guards eastward into the province of New Hampshire; (6) the non-dismissal of the President of the College from his place of judge of probate and justice of the peace. 3 *pages.*

[? July 3 or 5.] 2. "A certificate of the state of accounts deliver'd by the Auditors of Imprests the 5th of July 1708," addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, and signed "E. Harley & A. Maynwaring," and dated 3 July 1708. 10½ *pages.*

July 3. 3. "Report [of Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer] concerning the practice at the Custom House in computing the duties upon unrated goods." It was attempted to be made out that the method practised at the Custom House for computing the duty of goods paying *ad valorem* was erroneous, and to the disadvantage of the Crown, but his Lordship would observe that the method and practice of their officers was agreeable to the rule of the law and ancient usage. Dated 3 July 1708.

Six other papers connected therewith.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Novr 1708." 8 *pages.*

July 3. 4. Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sir William Douglas had returned after six months' leave of absence for sickness, and refused to qualify himself by taking the abjuration oath. His Lordship is asked if they shall pay his salary after the 20th of April, the time limited by the Act. Dated Edinburgh, 3 July 1708. 1½ *pages.*

July 3. 5. A draft relating to exceptions in a cause in Chancery between Nicholas Mason and others, querents, and Anna Williams, widow and executrix of Thomas Williams, Esq., defunct, John Williams, Esq., and others, deforcients. Dated 3 July 1708. [Apparently out of its place in this collection.] 28 *pages* (*much decayed*).

July 4. 6. Lord Cornbury to the Lord High Treasurer as to the steps taken to prosecute Mr Fauconier for misbehaviour and contempt in refusing to deliver up bonds and other papers relating to the

Queen's revenues, and government of the province of New York. Nothing should be wanting to see his Lordship's commands effectually obeyed. Dated New York, July 1708. 1 *page.*

July 5. 7. Copy of Instructions given by Prince George of Denmark, Lord High Admiral, addressed to Capt. Boyse, Commander of H.M. ship Bonadventure at Leith. He and other captains of ships were directed to correspond with the Com^{rs} of Customs, the collectors, &c. at the ports, for the security of trade. Dated 5 July 1708. 1½ *pages.*

July 5. 8. "A state of the salaries of the officers in the General Post Office on the 5 of July 1708, the sum total of which appears to be the same as in October 1705, but the particulars of that year cannot be made out." [This is a copy made at a much later date.] 1½ *pages.*

July 5. 9. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Captain Joseph Guest, praying a consideration for the extraordinary charge he had been at, in coming post from Spain through Italy, with letters to her Majesty and the Earl of Sunderland, from the Commander-in-Chief. The captain had expended near 100 pistoles in his journey, and having again to go abroad forthwith, must have an equipage before his own could arrive from Spain. Major Hunt, who came from Spain on the like occasion, received 200*l.* out of the contingencies of the establishment of Spain and Portugal. He (M^{r} Brydges) must leave to his Lordship to determine what he would allow to Captain Guest. Dated 5 July 1708.

Minuted :—"12 July 1708, 100^{li} by a conting^{t} w^{t}."

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

July 6. 10. Copy of certain resolutions of the House of Representatives [for the province of Massachusetts in New England], for payments to Joseph Dudley, Esq., Captain General and Governor in Chief of that province, and to Mr. James Tayler, Treasurer of the province. Concurred in on the 6th July 1708. 1 *page.*

July 8. 11. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lord [Lieutenant ?] on the petition of Charles Duke of S^{t} Albans. For better information they had referred the petition to the Auditor General, whose report they transmitted. Their (the Lords Justices') opinion was, that the pension asked for might be granted ; viz., during the Duke's life, the life of Charles "Beauclair" [? Beauclerk], his second son (instead of the Earl of Dorset and Middlesex, lately deceased), and Thomas Felton, Esq. Dated Dublin Castle, 8 July 1708.

[The documents referred to are not with it.] 1 *page.*

July 8. 12. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of the Countess Dowager of Donegal. Had ordered M^{r} Pratt, their secretary, to write to Lord Mountjoy, Lord Hoath, and Mr. Justice Coote, being the persons best acquainted with the petitioner's circumstances, whose letters in answer they transmitted. They (the Lords Justices) recommend the petitioner for her Majesty's bounty and compassion, although her family and charge were lessened by the loss of three of her daughters, in the fire that destroyed them, in the house at Belfast. Dated Dublin Castle, 8 July 1708.

Two letters and the petition referred to, and a list of the late Earl's debts and encumbrances. This last also shows that he died seized of the manor of Belfast. 7½ *pages.*

July 9. 13. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major James Allen, commissary of provisions, sent with the forces under the command of Earl Rivers, in the year 1706; praying to have his accounts of provisions bought up at Lisbon examined; showing the result of the examination. Dated Pay Office, 9 July 1708.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"Read 12th July 1708. 200li upon accot of his demands being to subsist him whilst he continues a prisoner in France." 4 *pages.*

July 15. 14. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had shipped the stores for the intended expedition with Lieut.-Genl Erle, amounting to 9,149*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* Ask his Lordship to enable them to replenish the stores. Dated 15 July 1708. 1 *page.*

July 15. 15. William Popple, junr, to William Lowndes, Esq. The Comrs of Trade and Plantations having considered the report from the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of John Keble, of West Jersey, relating to his setting up a potash work in that province, and having also received a particular proposal from him, desire Mr Lowndes to lay before the Lord High Treasurer the substance of the proposals, with their Lordships' opinions thereon. His scheme included, 1st, a loan from the Government to him of 200*l.*; 2nd, the transport of 16 servants at 5*l.* a head, in the ship that was to carry the Lutherans and the recruits to New York; 3rd, a patent for 14 years for making salt in West Jersey, exclusive of all others in America. The wood burnt in making the salt would afford considerable ashes. The Lords advised that the scheme should be favoured, potashes being a commodity so absolutely necessary. The returns for the American potashes would be made in woollen and other manufactures, whereas at present all the potashes came from the Czar of Muscovy's dominions, and were paid for, two thirds in money and one third in goods. Dated Whitehall, 15 July 1708.

Minuted:—"My Lord doth not approve of this proposicōn." 3½ *pages.*

[About July 16.] 16. Petition of Jasper Ashworth to the Lord High Treasurer for the place of land waiter in the port of Liverpool, lately held by his father.

Certificate in his favour. Dated 16 July 1708.

Minuted:—"To be considered at London." 2 *pages.*

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July 17. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of the Mayor, Corporation, &c. of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, co. Dorset, praying some allowance out of the unappropriated customs, to enable them to keep up the ancient keys, piers, and bridge of the town and port. The collector and controller of the port of Weymouth and the collector of Lyme had viewed the same and reported them in a very ruinous condition, and if not speedily repaired would entirely stop up the port and harbour. The charge of repair would amount to upwards of 3,000*l.* If the inhabitants were unable to raise the money it might be proper to represent their case to Parliament. The present duties were so strictly appropriated and made funds of credit for repayment of public loans, that whatever might have been heretofore allowed them, they (the Com^rs) could not advise the application of any part of the present revenue for the petitioners' relief. Dated 17 July 1708.

The petition and the report of the collectors referred to, which gives a minute account of the state of the port and harbour, &c.

Minuted:—"A copy to be sent to M^r Henley." 3 *pages.*

July 17. 18. J. Hawler to M^r Lowndes. The Com^rs of Victualling on being applied to, to supply provisions to the Leeward Islands, replied that they were unable to spare any more provisions; their office having been at a charge of near 400,000*l.* for victualling land forces, &c. Dated Admiralty Office, 17 July 1708.

The copy of the reply mentioned. 3 *pages.*

July 19. 19. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had transmitted the petition of James King, Esq., son of Lord Kingston, to the Lords Justices whose report he (the Lord Lieut.) now returns to the Lord High Treasurer; agrees with the Lords Justices that 200*l.* per ann. would be a sufficient allowance for the support and education of the petitioner. Dated 19 July 1708.

The petition and report. 4 *pages.*

July 19. 20. The same to the same. On the petition of Major Charles de Cresseron praying that his former pension of 3*s.* 6*d.* per diem might be increased to 4*s.* per diem, in consideration of his having been a captain of French dragoons under the Earl of Rivers, which post he was obliged, by age and indisposition, to quit in Valencia. Agrees with the Lords Justices to whom the petition had been referred that the grant of his former pension of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day was reasonable. Dated 19 July 1708.

The petition and report referred to; together with two certificates. 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

July 21. 21. The Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer. Notwithstanding the sum of 4,000*l.* directed for the entertainment of the Queen of Portugal in her voyage from Holland to Portugal, it would be further requisite to have a credit at Lisbon. Dated 21 July 1708.

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Minuted:—"26 July 1708. My Lord will speak with Sir H. Furnese about this matter, but his Lp. thinkes there cannot be much occasion for this, in regard the expence will cease immediately upon the arrival of the Queen at Lisbon." 1 *page*.

July 21. 22. Duke of Shrewsbury to [? the Lord High Treasurer]. Encloses a letter received from his agent, who had represented to his Grace that his mills at Alveton were seized by one Robert Gilliver, a Queen's messenger, under a warrant from the Lord Treasurer, the millers being turned out and attempts being made to "set" the mills. The seizure was made under a demand of rent of 40*s*. a year due to the Queen. His Grace asks his Lordship's advice, and if he signed such a warrant, or whether it was a mistake. The mills had been for some years in his father's possession, and for 40 years in his own, and his Grace could not learn that anything had ever been paid to the crown upon their account, and desires to know on what her Majesty's title is founded. Congratulates his Lordship on the late great victory in Flanders. Dated Heathrop, 21 July 1708.

Minuted:—"26 July 1708. Mr Gilliver to come up imediately to answer to these complaints, & some others against him & to put his graces tenants into possession before he comes up." 3 *pages*.

July 21. 23. Lady Margaret Sharp to [? Mr Lowndes]. Asks him to use his interest with the Lord High Treasurer to get her Majesty's signature to a paper enclosed, prepared by Sir David Dalrymple, in favour of Sir William Sharp. Her Majesty had promised when her ladyship took leave that it should be done as soon as possible. The Archbishop of York had promised her when she was at Bishopsthorpe that he would write and thank [Mr Lowndes] for his favours to her. Dated Stonyhill, July 21, 1708. 2 *pages, quarto*.

July 24. 24. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. Inclosed report and memorial of Sir Alexander Cuming relating to cockets. On the 15th inst. in the Sound of Rachrie, Capt. Cammock, commander of the Speedwell, fell in with two French privateers one of 24 the other of 18 guns, and after a hot dispute of three hours took the former and carried her into Carrickfergus. There were two more small privateers of 50 men and four guns each on the coast. Besides these privateers infesting the western coast, Mr Lowndes would see by the letter from their principal officer of Zetland, that they were very troublesome in the North; so that hardly a boat could pass between Orcades and that place without being taken. The Lords of Sessions and Justiciary were very impatient, and had again demanded their money. The Comrs prayed his Lordship's directions therein. Dated 24 July 1708.

The memorial and report. 5 *pages*, 2 *parts*.

July 25. 25. Order in Council made on a report of the Lord High Treasurer (quoted) for nesessary stores of war, amounting to 6,782*l*. 15*s*. 2½*d*. to be provided and sent to New York. Dated 25 July 1708. [Marked "Duplicate."]

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Minuted:—"Speak wth M^{r} Blathwait as to y^{e} defect in this ord^{r} in not requiring the Gov^{rs} to send acc^{ts} of the Rem^{s} of stores, &c." 3 *pages.*

July 25. 26. Copy of Order in Council approving of the report above referred to, and directing an account of the remains of ordnance stores to be sent. Dated 25 July 1708. 1 *page.*

July 26. 27. Report of J. Howe to [the Lord High Treasurer] on the memorial of Gregory King, Esq., Secretary to the General Officers appointed to regulate the clothing of the [army], viz.: as to payment of charges of the office out of contingencies. Dated 26 July 1708.

Another paper relating thereto. 2 *pages, quarto.*

July 26. 28. Copy of both the above papers. 2 *pages.*

July 26. 29. Opinion of Samuel Dodd on the right of the Queen to import for her own use, French wines, notwithstanding certain laws. "If the crowne bee bound by these laws then it is cleerly unlawful soe to doe; and if the crowne bee not bound by these laws, then noe customes are due." Dated 26 July 1708. 2 *pages.*

July 27. 30. Memorandum that Captain Vetch presented to the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations, a paper entitled "Canada surveyed, or the French Dominions upon the continent of America, briefly considered in their scituation, strength, trade and number; more particularly how vastly prejudicial they are to the English interest, and proposing a method of easily removing them." Dated 27 July 1708.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Popple to acquaint the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade that Her Ma^{ty} upon their rep^{r}sentation, is pleased to agree to allow Capt. Vetch ye 10^{s} a day as they propose, so long as they shall have occasion to require his attendance here, upon the proposall he has made to them; and therefore my Lord desires they will give him all the dispatch they can." 1 *page.*

July 27. 31. M^{r} Baron Smith to the [Lord High Treasurer]. Was concerned to be so long in Scotland without being able to give a satisfactory account of the interests of the crown put under "their" care. His brother Scrope and he had endeavoured to get a clear understanding of them, but things had gone on in so loose a method that the discoveries they expected were made very slowly. Asked for directions as to "compounding of signatures," for he desired as little might be left to their discretions as might be. The more certain rules they had to act by the better. The statement of the public debt proved to be a very uneasy work. Were going on pretty well with seizures, but the officers of excise were discouraged by the partial actings of the justices of the peace. Doubted they would have to set up an appeal from their (the justices') determinations. When the justices had a check upon them they would act with more caution. It seemed necessary to set up an inspector over the seizures. In England the inspector had 12*d.* in the pound out of the money paid into the receipt. It would amount to but little in Scotland, but it would be some help to a servant of his, Walter

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Spooner, who was his clerk and crier in England, and was left wholly unprovided for in the settlement of their court, all fees being taken from the Barons and their clerks. Would do her Majesty the best service he could, assisted by Baron Scrope. Dated 27 July 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 18th August 1708. My Lord agrees to this. Walter Spooner to be inspector of seizures in North Britain." 2 *pages*.

July 27. 32. Report of Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Anthony Springett and French Bromfeild, Esq., Receivers General for the county of Sussex, praying that an over payment made by them on the subsidies for 1703 might be transferred to the land tax for the year 1707; recommending compliance with the prayer. Dated 27 July 1708.

Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

July 28. 33. The Duke of Leeds to [the Lord High Treasurer]. Would be ashamed to give a second trouble if the petitioner (Edward Wardour) about whom he was writing were not of so good a family and reduced to so great an extremity of want. His Lordship would see that the petitioner deserved more than ordinary compassion. His Grace supposed that these considerations, which procured the petitioner a dispensation from attendance (although he received the salary), would plead an excuse for troubling his Lordship. Dated Wimbledon, 28 July 1708.

Petition of the above Edward Wardour to the Hon. John Smith, Esq., Chancellor of the Exchequer, asking him to back the above letter to the Lord High Treasurer to procure him a warrant from the Queen for the first vacancy of a poor knight's place.

Petition of the same to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be reinstated in his tidesman's place, or to be admitted as a keyman until otherwise provided for. Had been dismissed from the former place for not attending his duties, altho' (in regard to his birth and the places he had enjoyed) Mr Okely, the clerk in the surveyor's office, had been spoken to to be civil to him, and he (the petitioner) presumed the Comrs were sensible he no longer went aboard. As the place afforded a subsistence without toil, he acquiesced therein, without seeking for preferment. Being a gentleman of an ancient family, the only son of Edward Wardour, Esq., eldest son of Sir Edward Wardour, Knt, and nephew to Mr William Wardour, late Clerk of the Pells, he conceived that he was all along excused from duty as a mark of favour, he having never been used to hardship. King Charles I. had granted to Mrs Mary Wardour, petitioner's mother, an annuity of 100*l*. per ann., of which, in the year 1670, 775*l*. were in arrear.

Copies of three certificates.

Minuted:—"2d Augt 1708. My Lord will speak with the Comrs Customs about this." 4 *pages*.

July 30. 34. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on three reports from the Comrs for the Duties on Salt, two of which relate to the pilchard fishery in the county of Cornwall, the other being the petition of divers gentlemen of that county for admitting entry of about 200 tons of prize salt taken by a Flushing privateer and brought into Falmouth. The Com^{rs} advise that the fish might be shipped for exportation from private keys, but if a debenture were demanded, it ought to be shipped at some lawful open place, key, or wharf where the officers of customs attended. Further, they could not think it advisable to admit an entry of the salt. Dated 30 July 1708.

The reports and other documents. 25 *pages and* 3 *sheets.*

July 30. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to Jo. Taylor, Esq., on the petition of Captain Thomas Wilshaw, late a commander of one of H.M. ships, to be reimbursed 30*l.* wrongly paid out of his pension of 100*l.* per ann.; advising that it was wrongly paid. Dated 30 July 1708.

The petition and copy of a warrant for the grant of the pension.

Minuted:—"21 Aug^{t} 1710. Upon reading y^{e} rep^{t}, my L^{ds} are satisfyd y^{t} y^{e} mony was paid to Hen. Cowdery, not as clerk, but as collector, and if y^{e} pet^{r} be wrongd he must appeal for y^{e} future to y^{e} Comm^{rs} who made ye assessm^{t}." 3 *pages.*

July 30. 36. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs on the petition of the owners and Virginia merchants interested in a captured ship. The Com^{rs} could by no means be of opinion that the Queen should contribute towards the redemption of the master and mate of the ship, or that she should pay in proportion to her duties, which were all strictly appropriated by parliament.

The petition, a copy of the same, and three other documents.

Minuted:—"5th Aug. 1708. Read." 7 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

July 31. 37. Petition of Alexander Ross, Under Clerk of the Justice Court, to the Lords Justice General, Justice Clerk, and Commissioners of Justiciary; with their recommendation of the petitioner to her Majesty for the payment to him of 40*l.* for his services since the Union, and for an additional salary for the future. Dated Edinburgh, 31 July 1708. 1 *page.*

July 31. 38. Similar petition of James Montgomerie, of Lainshaw, Clerk to the Supreme Court, and recommendation thereon of the payment of 100*l.* and additional salary. Same date. 1 *page.*

July 31. 39. Similar petition of James Guthrie, James Henderson, and Thomas Montgomerie, macers to the Justice Court, and recommendation of payment to each of them of 10*l.* and additional salary. Same date. 1 *page.*

July 31. 40. Com^{rs} of Customs (North Britain) to William Lowndes, Esq. Had already notified that Capt^{n} Cammocks had taken a stout privateer that infested the western ports. The letter from the Admiralty Office to the Provost of Edinburgh, "acquainting them," with the care taken by H.R.H. the Prince for the trade of those parts, had extremely pleased the people. Dated Edinburgh, 31 July 1708.

Enclosed is an undated and unaddressed paper as to the harassed state the people of Shetland were in, from the French. Scarcely any boat from Orkney escaped them. Applying for a garrison to be appointed. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 41. Report of Sir Isaac Newton and D^r David Gregory to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Com^rs, Mess^rs Rutherford, Brown, and Bruce, in which they desire a reward for executing their commission, &c. As their business was to receive the old money of Scotland from the Bank and see it melted into ingots, and to deliver the ingots to be coined, keep an account, &c., it was proposed that 360*l.* should be paid to them, their clerks and servants, out of the same fund as M^r Allardes' was paid, for melting the money and ingots in their presence. Dated 30 June 1708.

A postscript to the report by Sir Isaac Newton states, that he was informed that the Privy Council of Scotland had made an Act for paying to M^r Allardes 1*d.* per pound weight troy, for melting the money into ingots, and had ordered the Com^rs of the Equivalent to pay the same out of the Equivalent, conformably to the article of Union, and in obedience thereto the Com^rs had paid M^r Allardes for what was melted. The old money was the people's, until it was melted into ingots, and the ingots were delivered by the agents of the people by weight and assay, to the Master of the Mint to be coined, and therefore all the charges of this melting were to be borne by the people, and by consequence out of the Equivalent in accordance with the Act. Dated 4 Aug. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 42. Copy of an Order in Council referring to the Solicitor General, the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, her Majesty's Advocate General, and to the Advocate of Prizes, a presentment of the Com^rs of Prizes, and the opinions of the Solicitor General and Sir Edward Northey thereon, viz., for their consideration and for the preparation of a draft of an order thereon to be approved by her Majesty. The question was whether her Majesty was entitled to a moiety of all prizes taken in America by any of her Majesty's ships of war, or ships in her service, until the 24th of June then last past. Dated 8 Aug. 1708.

The opinions referred to. 4 *pages.*

[About Aug. 9.] 43. "An acco^t of what the late Comm^rs for Sick and Wounded & their officers have received for salaries & travelling charges since the dissolution of their commission, viz., Midsomer, 1698."

Minuted:—"9 Aug^t 1708. The Aud^rs to state the acco^ts upon the direccons in M^r Chancellours rep., &, w^n my Lord sees the balance, he will consider the acco^tants as to their cravings for salt and travelling charges, after their comm^n was dissolved." 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 14. 44. Com^rs of Customs (Scotland) to John Taylor, Esq., Treasury Chambers. 4,293*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.* had been directed to be sent to the

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Receiver General of Customs at London, and they did not doubt they should send the like sum in 14 days. Enclose a second account drawn up for the Comrs of the Equivalent, &c. Two merchant ships of South Britain had captured a French privateer and carried her into Banff, a member of Inverness. Dated 14 Aug. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 18. 45. James Mountague [Solicitor General] to ———. Had perused the enclosed letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer, and the papers as to intercourse between French ships and some people on the coast of Sussex. Captain Baker had gone into Kent and Sussex. Had prepared instructions for him. Dated 18 Aug. 1708.

The letter and papers referred to. 9 *pages, two halves.*

Aug. 20. 46. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to the sudden withdrawal of Mr Sansom and his clerks from the collectorship of Bristol, and the confusion in the accounts consequent thereon; also as to the appointment of Jacob Raynardson, Esq., to that office. Propose to write to have the money in hand remitted. Dated 20 Aug. 1708.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1708. The Commrs to write accordingly." 1½ *pages.*

[About Aug. 20.] 47. Case as to prizage wines drawn out upon the special verdict on an action against the collector of customs inwards in the port of London for 6,000*l.*, in Hilary term. 1705–6.

Docquetted:—"Case of prizage. Whether advisable to bring a writ of error."

Minuted:—"20th August 1708. It is thought that the House of Comons are most proper to explain their meaning in this case." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 48. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had sent the petition of Charles Dering, Esq., to the Lords Justices, who had returned it with their opinion and report of the Attorney General of Ireland thereon, and now his Excellency returned them to his Lordship. His Excellency was of opinion that the petitioner, upon surrender of his patent as Auditor General of that kingdom, deserved to have another grant during his own and his son's life. Dated 20 Aug. 1708.

The petition and the Lords Justices' report. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 21. 49. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to John Taylour, Esq. Mentions the amounts remitted to the Receiver General. The season had come for pinning and curing herrings, of which vast quantities were caught in those seas. In order to prevent fraud in connexion with the salt duties, they had directed skilled officers to be present during the fishing season at the places in North Britain, where the fish were usually packed up and cured. By this means they hoped to prevent illegal practices and the unjust clamours of ill-designing men, which otherwise they had much reason to fear. Dated 21 Aug. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

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Aug. 25. 50. *Docquetted*:—"Opinions about the charge of the salarys to the Lords Justiciary on y^{e} customes in Scotland." Signed:—"Tho. Powys" and "Ja: Mountague." Dated 25 Aug. 1708. 6 *pages*.

Aug. 25. 51. Memorial of H.M. Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of the incidental charges of their office. Dated 25 Aug. 1708.

Also the bill thereof. 2 *pages*.

Aug. 26. 52. M^{r} Hill to M^{r} Taylour. The bearer, Captain Congreve, who lost his arm and all he had in the world, except a wife and children, is so much an object of charity that the writer is not ashamed to solicit in his favour. Dated 26 Aug. 1708.

Minuted:—"100^{li} by M^{r} Compton." 1 *page, quarto*.

Aug. 28. 53. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to the same. Respecting tobacco pretended to be shipped for Ireland, but which was not landed there. Unless a law were made obliging the exporters of tobacco for Ireland to return certificates of their discharge before they had their debenture, the merchants would obtain drawbacks, and run the tobacco to some part of Britain. Dated Edinburgh, 28 August 1708. 1 *page*.

Aug. 28. 54. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of M^{r} Richard Martin, a security for a collector of revenue of the crown for part of the county of Galway, who had withdrawn himself and gone into the army, whereby the petitioner was liable to her Majesty for 1,200*l.* The petitioner desired to be allowed to compound. His Excellency believed the petitioner was in a very low condition and a proper object for her Majesty's compassion. Dated 28 August 1708.

The reports of the Lords Justices and the Com^{rs} of Revenue, and the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"My Lord cannot give any directions in cases of this kind against the opinion of the Com^{rs} of the revenue." 5½ *pages*.

Aug. 30. 55. A small collection of letters from Robert Gilliver, employed in collecting arrears due to the crown, addressed to Christopher Tilson, Esq., at the Treasury office, giving an account of his proceedings. They are dated at Chester, Burton-upon-Trent, and Eggington, and between 21 July 1703 and 30 Aug. 1708.

[He alludes to the levy he had made upon the Duke of Shrewsbury's mills (*see* 21 July, Vol. CVIII. No. 22) in which business he says he was used very scurrilously.] 9 *pages*.

Aug. —. 56. Draft of warrant of the Queen, granting to Sir James Cunningham, of Milncraig, Bart., "the feu dutys, retour dutys, nonentry and taxt ward dutys relief and taxt ward marriages" due to her Majesty from the lands and baronies of Gaitgirth, Easter and Wester Loudouns, and other places "within the Shire of Air and Bailliary of Cunningham;" also from divers other lands specified. Dated — Aug. 1708. 1 *large page*.

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Sept. 3. 1. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer. The petition of the inhabitants of Lisburn had been referred by his Excellency to the Comrs for managing her Majesty's revenue, whose report he transmitted. The petitioners were proper objects of her Majesty's goodness, so far as related to the arrears of hearth money and excise. Dated Whitehall, 3 Sept. 1708. [The petitioners claimed relief on account of the dreadful fire which happened in the town on 20 April 1707.]

The petition and report and the letter referring the petition to the Lord Lieutenant.

Minuted:—"A wt accordingly." 3½ *pages*.

Sept. 4. 2. Report of the Solicitor General (Mountague) to the Lord High Treasurer on the Surveyor General's report, made on the petition of Mrs Winifred Milburn, widow, which prayed for compensation for a piece of ground formerly belonging to her husband Ralph Milburn, deceased, whereon a fort called Clifford's Fort, in Northumberland, was erected by King Charles II. in the year 1672, the ground not having been paid for by the crown. His Lordship had agreed to pay 150*l*. for the land upon a sufficient conveyance being made. The Solicitor General states what had been done to this end. Dated 4 Sept. 1708.

Minuted:—"6 7ber 1708. The consideracõn to be paid by the ordnance on producing ye solrs certificate." 2½ *pages*.

Sept. 4. 3. Mr F. Moody to Christopher Tilson, Esq., as to allowances on the accounts of the late Comrs for sick and wounded. Dated 4 Sept. 1708. 2 *pages*.

Sept. 4. 4. Bills of costs incurred by Wm Borrett, Esq., Treasury Solicitor, in various government prosecutions. The last date is 4 Sept. 1708. 12 *pages*.

Sept. 6. 5. Report of Thomas Brodrick, Controller of the accounts of the army, on the petition of Captain Daniel Wilson, who served as adjutant in commission in the Lord Viscount Charlemont's regiment in the expedition to the West Indies, but who, not being duly inserted in the accounts, was deprived of his pay as adjutant. The Controller was of opinion that 71*l*. 12*s*. were due to the petitioner. Dated 6 Sept. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 29th Sepr 1708. My Lord is of opinion that the Government is entirely discharged by the paymt that has been made to Capt. Gardiner, and that he ought to satisfy this demand." [Captain Gardiner had received 2,437*l*. 19*s*., as agent to Viscount Charlemont, to satisfy the claims of the regiment.]

The petition. 3½ *pages*.

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Sept. 7. 6. The Lords Justices of Ireland to the Auditor General. Send copies of a reference of the petition of Captain Peter De Lom, and the petition mentioned, asking to be restored to his pension. He was appointed to conduct to Virginia a colony of French Protestants, and whilst away was dis-pensioned on a false surmise that he was dead. Dated Castle of Dublin, 7 Sept. 1708.

The enclosures named. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 7. 7. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer as to claims of seamen of the ship Newcastle for the prize Jean de Grace; also as to stores taken in a "Satia" by H.M. ships Newport and Tartar, and delivered for the use of the Duke of Savoy at Nice when it was besieged. Dated 7 Sept. 1708.

Also copies of two reports thereon. 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 7. 8. An application from "Ja^{s} Swaine Messenger" to William Bromley, Esq., for an arrear of rent due to the Queen for lands in Castle Eden. Dated 7 Sept. 1708. 1 *page.*

Sept. 8. 9. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petitions (1) of Sir George Byng and Capt. Joseph Taylor, and (2) Sir John Leake and other commanders, both touching gun money due to them "for some privateers taken in fight and the destroying of two men-of-war," according to H.M. declaration. There was no money in the office to meet these demands.

Enclose an account of the cash of the office and an account of the gunnery demandable out of the Queen's share of prizes. Dated 8 Sept. 1708.

Besides the documents referred to there is a letter of Sir John Leake on the same subject. Dated 21 Feb. 1708–9.

Minuted:—"Read 30 May 1709." 6 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 10. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the application of the gentlemen of the fishery in Cornwall, that certain salt preserved by them from three prizes brought into Falmouth might be delivered to them at Penryn, for the benefit of their fishery, upon payment of duty. The Act against all trade with France prohibited the same and the proprietors must export the salt. Dated 10 Sept. 1708. 1 *page.*

Sept. 11. 11. Report of James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster General of the Forces, and Robert Walpole, Esq., H.M. Secretary at War, on the petition of Capt. William Stewart. The petitioner informed them that his losses at the battle of Almanza amounted to more than 400*l.* As to what he expected for his services and sufferings he had not informed them. Dated 11 Sept. 1708.

The petition (which was firstly referred to the Lord High Treasurer and secondly to the above persons), a certificate, and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^{e} Q." *Again*:—"100^{li} bounty by the hands of M^{r} Spenser." 3 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

[About 13 Sept.] 12. List of the yearly fees and salaries belonging to her Majesty's servants on the establishment in Scotland who had not received any payment since the Union.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Sepr 1708. My Lord will consider this. Mr Rymer's books to be given to ye 4 Universities in Scotland." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 14. 13. "Never to be farder noticed" to the Lord High Treasurer. Letter so signed touching a composition with the tacksmen (Scotland). Dated 14 Sept. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 16. 14. A further report of the Comrs of Customs on the parcel of salt above noticed under 10 Sept. Dated 16 Sept. 1708. 1 *page.*

Sept. 16. 15. Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer], sending the "præcognitions" of witnesses and the Lord Advocate's representation thereupon, in the case of Mr Thomas Laidler, late gauger in Falkland. In the execution of his office he was assaulted by a mob and a woman was killed. The laws there were very severe in such cases, and the Lord Advocate was of opinion that a remission was necessary to secure Mr Laidler's life. The original præcognitions and representation were sent by the Lord Advocate to the Earl of Mar, to procure such remission. Should Laidler suffer a great discouragement would result to the officers of Excise there. Dated Edinburgh, 16 Sept. 1708.

Three other papers. 9 *pages,* 3 *halves.*

Sept. 16. 16. Earl of Cromertie to the Earl of Mar on the subject of the circuit courts. These courts would be much more effectual if more time were allowed. They were certainly useful for the Queen and people, and needed little amendment. Some "famfaras" of parade might be forborne, and competent salaries given to the judges, clerks, and fiscals. One year's salary would not equip any one of the judges, and they and clerks and others had laid out expenses enough for this "stick'd" progress. He was ready to bestow his "old bons" on it, and if the others thought fit, was willing to go to the second and third diets, since they could not keep the first diets with any effect. Should go towards the north and wait further commands at Edinburgh. Dated 16 Sept. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 17. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to John Taylour, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. According to instructions, they would pay the Lords of Sessions and Justiciary 2,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* sterl. per ann. A deputation should be made for Mr Walter Spooner as inspector of seizures. A presentment was sent for Mr Jessop Boughton to keep a register of ships according to Mr Godolphin's scheme. Mr Charles James was dismissed, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 18 Sept. 1708. 1 *page.*

Sept. 24. 18. Comrs for Salt Duties to Wm Lowndes Esq. Give notice of a large sum of money to be paid into the Exchequer to complete the yearly fund to the East India Company. Dated Salt Office, York Buildings, 24 Sept. 1708. 1 *page.*

Sept. 24. 19. Memorial of the Comrs of the Mint at Edinburgh to the Lord High Treasurer, praying a recompense for receiving at the Mint in

Edinburgh, all the Scots and foreign coin in order to its reduction to the standard coin of England, and for granting certificates to the "ingivers" for making up their loss in recoining the same "upon the Equivalent." They ask for one third per cent. at least. Dated 24 Sept. 1708.

Referred to the Warden, &c. of the Mint for their report. 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 20. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, interceding for a warrant to the Receiver General of Prizes to pay to their officers the money that had been deducted from their salaries for taxes during the war. Dated 28 Sept. 1708.

Minuted:—"3^{d} Nov. 1708. The Com^{rs} are to express whose salarys these taxes are for, and when my Lord consid^{rs} of the demand relating to the ship Worcester, will take this into consideration." 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 21. Count de Briançon to ———. Sends an extract from the account of extraordinary expenses of his master, the Duke of Savoy, in the Toulon expedition. M^{r} Teller [Taylor] had told him that the Lord Treasurer wished to have the account on the following morning, that the payment might be ordered for Friday. Dated London, 28 Sept. 1708. (*French.*)

The account mentioned.

Minuted:—"Order'd." 2½ *pages, quarto.*

[About Sept. 29.] 22. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends memorial of M^{r} Simon Clement, who offers to open a very advantageous trade for pitch and tar, provided he has 500*l.* advanced to him.

Minuted:—"29 7br. 1708. My Lord will speak again wth ye C. of ye Navy about this." 1 *page* (*decayed*).

Sept. 29. 23. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes, concerning the assessment to the land tax of the Hon^{ble} Sir James Wishart on his half-pay as Rear Admiral. They yearly gave the assessors a list of the names of themselves, their clerks and others, that received salaries and pensions out of the ordinary of the navy. Dated 29 Sept. 1708.

Memorandum or petition from Sir James for relief. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 24. "Sea services annually voted by Parliament; the sums paid in part, with the complement unpaid at Michaelmas 1708, on each head of expence."

Also including ordnance, land and sea service. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 25. Payments out of the funds for land and sea services for the year 1708 to Michaelmas 1708. 1 *large page.*

Sept. 30. 26. William Sloper to M^{r} Tilson respecting two sums complained of by the King of Spain; viz. 6,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the charge of raising and clothing Col. Cavalier's regiment, and 24,571*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* for clothing his Catholic Majesty's own troops. Dated 30 Sept. 1708. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 1. 27. Memorial of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer. A prize had been taken at Tunis by H.M. ship Exeter, which prize Mr Goddard acknowledged he had bought of Captain Swanton for 900*l.* The Comrs were incapacitated from making a dividend to the captors, or receiving her Majesty's share. Propose to deduct the 900*l.* out of the allowances the consul might crave on account of disbursements at Tunis. Dated 1 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—" 8th Nov. 1708. Read." 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 1. 28. Petition of Captain Lodwick Cathcart to the Queen. Had raised a company in Ireland at the Revolution, and lost his leg in action, besides suffering other misfortunes; prays relief.

Certificate in his favour, with numerous signatures. Dated 1 Oct. 1708. 1 *page and* 1 *skin of parchment.*

Oct. 1. 29. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary Davenport, widow of Capt. William Davenport, late commander of H.M. ship Enterprise, for herself and that ship's company. They (the Comrs) could not distribute the remaining money due to the captors of two prizes, because they had not received the ship's muster book, &c. Dated Prize Office, 1 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—" Read 3d Novr 1708. My Lord thinkes the best way will be to stay till the Navy Board can return the proper lists. 19 Maij 1709. Memll from my Lord to the Q. in Councill, with ye Commrs Navys report & Commrs Prizes representacōn, for an order to dispence with yt pcon of the Q's declaracōn relating to ships' muster books."

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 8 to Oct. 2. 30. A collection of letters from the Comrs of the Navy, chiefly to Sir Tho. Littleton, Bart., Treasurer of the Navy, but one or two to Mr Lowndes, relating to the affairs of the Navy Office, mostly of a routine character. Dated between 8 Jan. 1707–8 and 2 Oct. 1708. 48 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 31. Report of Alan Brodrick to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the petition of Elizabeth Caldwell to her Majesty. Sir James Caldwell, her father, had a grant of 900*l.* a year out of the forfeited estates in Ireland, for his services at the Revolution, one third of which was ordered to the petitioner, with an addition of 150*l.* a year for the service rendered by her in furnishing the northern garrisons in Ireland with gunpowder, to the great hazard of her life, in the support of the Protestant interest. Both these grants were, however, recalled before she had any benefit. The petitioner prayed for a pension for life, and produced certain documents in justification of her claim, but there was no grant to Sir James Caldwell, and the quantity of gunpowder supplied was not shown. It appeared to him (Mr Brodrick) that the petitioner's was not a just debt to entitle her to a pension of 450*l.* a year, but as a matter of favour her Majesty might reward the petitioner for the gunpowder. Dated 4 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 17 Aug. 1709. My Lord says he cannot advise the granting any pencõn on such considerations as are mencõnd in this memll, because it would be of very ill consequence, and bring multitudes of applicacõns on her Maty from persons who had grts of forfeited estates in Ireland that are resumed." 2½ *pages*.

[About Oct. 5.] 32. "An account of sums paid as well for the Equivalent as otherwise relating to Scotland." 2½ *pages*.

Oct. 6. 33. Order in Council referring the fortification of the port of Harwich and Languard Fort to the Officers of Ordnance, to prepare an estimate. Dated 6 Oct. 1708. 1 *page*.

[About Oct. 9.] 34. Petition of John Mosse to the Lord High Treasurer. In the year 1695 petitioner was employed to write, in the business of the army and War Office, at the great chamber in the Horse Guards. At that time there were great tumults upon the pretence of one Tooley and other marshals who kept prisons for the army, it being reported that their ill-usage to the soldiers in prisons was the occasion of the troubles, whereupon the general officers of the army sat to hear and redress grievances. The petitioner was desired to visit these marshals' prisons, to take account of those trepanned and confined illegally, and to return them to the board. This service he performed. His father sold an estate of 2,000*l*. per ann. to serve King Charles I., and lost his life in the service. Prays for full pay to be allowed.

The account, a letter and certificate relating thereto. The last dated 9 Oct. 1708. 4 *pages*.

Oct. 12. 35. "Copy of an extract of the resolutions of the States General concerning a sum of money [17,448 crowns] demanded by some 'bailliages' of Upper Guelderland on acct of forage furnished to some Prussian troops in their winter quarters." The resolutions were passed 12 Oct. 1708. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 12. 36. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Henry Whitbread, late Receiver General of the county of Bedford, in favour of his claims for bringing up money to the Exchequer, amounting to 740*l*. Dated 12 Oct. 1708.

Enclosing previous reports and other papers connected with his claims. 15 *pages*.

Oct. 13. 37. Memorial of William Clayton, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Had been employed in computing interest under the Annuity Act, 4 Anne, amounting to 10,950*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*., which sum was paid to 2,941 persons. Had expended for fees 57*l*. 2*s*. Prayed payment thereof, as well as for his care and trouble. Dated Exchequer, 13 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—"18 Oct. 1708. Pay the 57li 2s & 100 0 for his service." 1 *page*.

Oct. 13. 38. Petition of Ann, daughter of Captain Francis Mansell, and wife of Morris Rawson, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of an arrear of pension of 200*l*. a year granted by King

Charles II. to her father, mother, and brothers for 99 years, "if any of them so long lived."

Certificate connected therewith. Dated 13 Oct. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 14. 39. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lordship the draft of a commission appointing further places for landing and shipping goods within the river Dee and port of Chester, for his warrant to the Queen's Remembrancer to pass the same under the seal of the Exchequer. Dated 14 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ to the Remembrancer." 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 40. Col. Edm. Maine to the Lord [High Treasurer ?]. Had received orders that the regiments of Lord Strathnaver and Col. Grant should march from North Britain to Newcastle-upon-Tyne with all necessary expedition for embarkation. Had taken all care for their march. Lord Strathnaver's consisted of about 450 and Col. Grant's of near 500 men. They had suffered from desertion on the march. Dated 17 Oct. 1708.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e to Coll^o^ Mayne that my Lord has taken care for their subsist. and thanks him for his care." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 18. 41. Com^rs^ for Transport to M^r^ Secretary Lowndes. Had shipped 50 barrels of nails with a proportionate quantity of bolts and hinges, which her Majesty was disposed to send to the Leeward Islands, as her Majesty's bounty to her distressed subjects; to enable them to rebuild their houses destroyed by the late hurricane. Had agreed to pay ready money for the same. Prayed that the amount might be ordered, and 2,000*l.* for other disbursements. Dated 18 Oct. 1708. 1 *page.*

Oct. 26. 42. Petition of John Swynfen, clerk, for the restoration of his goods, appraised at 38*l.* 19*s.*, and for stay of proceedings, he having been security for a collector of customs.

Also his affidavit, sworn 26 Oct. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Nov^r^ 1708. The money is appropriated, & my L^d^ cannot interpose in it." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 43. Justices of the Peace in Zetland [or Shetland] to the Com^rs^ of Customs in Edinburgh. The Hollanders, who were the only people that brought money to the country were burnt and destroyed, (A.D. 1703), since which few or none frequented the country, and since the Union the few Hollanders or "Bremers" that used to come to buy commodities such as fish, herrings, butter, oil, &c., were so discouraged by the duties that they had given over their trading; so that her Majesty would lose her customs and excise, and the inhabitants would be ruined; asking that their pitiful condition might be considered either by her Majesty or the Parliament. Dated Berwick, 26 Oct. 1708. 1 *page.*

Oct. 26. 44. W. Delaum to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The former paper showed the method he proposed for making good losses by fire. He now laid before his Lordship a method he proposed for raising the revenue, and for applying it when raised. In the little book delivered to his Lp on an affair of another nature, the names of the persons concerned were purposely left blank, that his Lp might make them known or not, as he pleased. The names were, besides himself, Dr Wm Davies and Dr Hoy, the Queen's Professor of Physic in Oxford; both were persons of unquestionable ability and integrity, and their secrecy might be entirely depended on. Was ready to obey his Lp's summons at any time. Dated St. John's, Oxon, Oct. 26, 1708.

Also, the scheme for the raising the revenue, which comprised "a duty upon houses for a general assurance from fire," hearth money, and a lottery. He says:—"By this last every adventurer will be sure of comon interest for his mony & so can be no loser, and the fortunate will have at least 25 per cent. upon every benefit ticket above their interest." The blanks were about 16 to 1. 4 *pages*.

Oct. 27. 45. Col. Thomas Handasyde [Governor of Jamaica] to the Lord High Treasurer. Nothing had troubled him so much as Mr Brown's behaviour, who had assured him (the Col.) that he had shipped in Sir Willm Whetstone's fleet 5,000*l.* in specie. On finding his falsities, had prosecuted him with all the rigour the law would allow. Enclosed the letter of Mr Hamilton employed by the Prize Office. Did not know who were honest and who not. Thought those gentlemen [the Prize Comrs] much to blame for leaving such considerable sums in their agent's hands. It was a trading country, and very often misfortunes happened that way, and then farewell money. Had acquainted his Royal Highness' secretary that there must be a considerable sum in the hands of Mr Townsend, who received his Royal Highness' tenths there, and whom he took to be a very indifferent man. H.M. ship had re-taken an English ship from the French. Two of our privateers had sent in two Spanish vessels, laden with cocoa, &c. They took several more off Campeachy. Had enclosed to the Comrs of Trade the contract between the French King and the Duke of Anjou and Council of Spain for the transporting of goods from Old France and of Spanish goods to the West Indies. The contract was found in one of the prizes, and might be of service when King Charles was settled on the throne of Spain. Twelve ships from Cadiz had lately arrived at La Vera Cruz; but most of them were French vessels under convoy. The prisoners said they were laden with Spanish and French goods. Our sloops had not returned from the coast, and trade there seemed very indifferent, the Spaniards pretending that money was scarce. Owing to carelessness a French privateer, supposed to be one of our traders, had lately taken one of our sloops laden with "furstick," together with 10 or 12 negroes. The men-of-war there were healthy, but in great want of sailors. The soldiers under his command were almost fatigued out of their lives, as they had to be furnished to the ships. Had received 20 recruits, and there were 60 more ready to come from Plymouth. Should be obliged to call an assembly, but was "mighty apprehensive" of their stubbornness in relation to the allowance to the officers. Their common discourse was that they did not want the officers but the private men. The revenue would not support the contingent charges, and he could not find out "a method to oblige the Assembly to enable it." Dated Jamaica, Oct. 27, 1708.

P.S.—Had received the ill news of the loss of H.M. ship Dunkirk's prize, which, in pursuit of a French ship off Cape François, ran upon a rock and broke in pieces. The French ship also ran upon a sand, and surrendered the Dunkirk's prize, who got her off and brought her into port. 4 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 27.] 46. Memorial of Sir Thomas Littleton [Treasurer of the Navy] to the Lord [High Treasurer], praying directions previous to paying 280*l.* to the Marquis of Carmarthen, a sum of money being due to the latter as a flag officer.

Minuted:—"27th Oct. 1708. Agents to be here abt this, Fryday morning." 1 *page.*

Oct. 29. 47. Warrant of the Marquess of Kent to John Charleton, Esq., master of the Jewel Office, to deliver to the Rt Hon. Sir Thomas Felton, Controller of H.M. Household, 1,000 ounces of white plate to be made into vessels. Dated 29 Oct. 1708. 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 48. R. Walpole to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Informs him of the provision her Majesty had made for the widows of the officers whose husbands had been killed in Flanders; the fund to be obtained by deductions from the officers serving in Flanders. In like manner to the widows of officers killed in Spain, Portugal, or the West Indies, from deductions from the pay of officers serving in the latter countries. Dated 30 Oct. 1708. 3 *pages.*

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Nov. 1. 1. An estimate of the debt of Her Majesty's navy as it stood on 30 Sept. 1708. Dated Navy Office, 1 Nov. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 4. 2. John Tarver, Wm Allanson and Jo. Tyas, occupying the offices of Queen's Remembrancer, Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, and Clerk of the Pipe in Scotland, to Lord ———. Ask that his Lordship would intercede with the Lord High Treasurer to allow them certain sums for which they were out of pocket. Dated Edinburgh, 4 Nov. 1708.

Enclose the account of their disbursements for their journey, passing patents, &c. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 3. Report of Mr J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Edward Haistwell, Robert Chester, and Nathaniel Rous, representing that they had made an agreement to remit the subsistence of Col. Jones's late Lillingston's regiment to the Leeward Islands and had sent effects to the value of 5,000*l.* for that end; but had received no money on that account. 20*l.* per cent. was the rate of exchange. Certifies to his Lordship the particulars of the agreement, and advises the immediate payment of 3,000*l.* Her Majesty's warrants would be necessary, &c. As to their proposal for the future to remit the subsistence at the rate of 12*l.* per cent. only, no determination should be made, for the alteration of the coin in the Leeward Islands would not commence until 1 May next, and the rate of exchange was very unsettled. Dated 6 Nov. 1708.

The second minute on the back is:—"15 Nov. 1708. My Lord says as soon as Coll° Jones has sent over any authority to any pson to receive the money, his Lordp will issue it according to this report."

The memorial mentioned. 3¼ *pages.*

Nov. 8. 4. "Account of the charges and expense of the circuit courts held in North Britain in October last, to wit, the Northern Circuit, held at Aberdeen and Perth, by the Earl of Cromertie, Justice General, and the Lord Anstruther, one of the Commrs of Justiciary; the Western Circuit, held at Glasgow and Sterling by the Lord Minto and the Lord Grange, two of the Commrs of Justiciary; and the Southern Circuit, held at Jedburgh by the Lord Justice Clerk and Lord Tillicutry, one of the Commrs of Justiciary." Dated Edin[burgh], 8 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 8. 5. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mons. Vryberge, envoy extraordinary from the States General, relating to some goods seized at Plymouth, pretended to be bound for Ireland and consigned to merchants in Dublin; but on board the ships were French and other goods prohibited, &c. It had grown a frequent practice for ships from Holland to come into the outports, on some pretence, and sell great quantities of brandy and other prohibited goods. No indulgence should be shown in any case. Dated 8 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"16 Nov. 1708. A copy of this to be given to Monsr Vryberg." 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 6. Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland (J. Smith, J. Scrope, H. Maitland, and John Clerk) to the Lord High Treasurer. Notwithstanding his Lordship's favour in getting them put on the same footing as the judges in England, by the privy seal directing the payment of their salaries, yet the clerks of the Treasury demanded large fees of them, which were not paid by the English judges. Hoped his Lordship would give favourable directions thereon. Dated Edinburgh, Nov. 9, 1708.

Minuted:—"Answerd 20th do."

In the North Britain Book, Vol. I., p. 459, is the answer referred to, which says that the fees complained of were not at the Treasury, but at the Exchequer; for the fees at the Treasury were but 12*s.* 6*d.* an order, but at the Exchequer the poundage to the Auditor of the Receipt was 1*l.* 5*s.* for every 100*l.*, to the Clerk of the Pells 12*s.* 6*d.*,

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and in the Teller's Office 3*l.*, being nearly 5*l.* for every 100*l.* paid for fees and salaries. Though these officers forbore to take their fees from the judges, they certainly had a right to them by tables of fees as old as Queen Elizabeth, which had been confirmed by order of council and allowed in Parliament. The Lord Treasurer had no power therein, and the only course was to apply to the different officers above referred to for their favour. 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 7. Robert Fullartoun to ———, giving an account of the running of certain brandy from the Isle of Man to the islands of Fleet, the same being captured by Andrew Dunbar, and carried to Robert Lindsey's. Those in charge of the brandy were on the following night set upon by 30 or 40 men and women and barbarously wounded, so that they were frightful to look at, and the brandy was carried off "after they murdered the people." Some of the servants to "Brown" of Carscuth, a justice of the peace, took part in the attack. The officers could not stay or officiate if the Government did not support them. He (the writer) expected to be murdered. The justices of the peace were most concerned in running the goods, and most of the rabble were tenants to the Laird of Brughtoun, another of the justices, and not a constable would assist them. The names of four of the principal actors were known, and are specified. Their honours "would do something in the matter," or they must leave the place, for if the offenders had been curbed at the first, they would have been more sober. Asks how he shall act, and what was to be done with the wounded men. Dated Bardorech at Fleet, 9 Nov. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 8. J. Burchett to [the Secretary of the Treasury]. Asks for money to pay her Majesty's ships the Lichfield, Chester, and Rupert, daily expected at the Nore, and under orders to proceed to sea from thence. Also asks that the men of the Pearl, daily expected, might be paid. Dated Admiralty Office, 11 Nov. 1708. A copy. 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 9. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation as well to the captors' shares of two privateers, one called "The Hocquart," taken by H.M. ship Dunkirk, the other, "The Play," taken by H.M. ships Adventure and Tartar, as to demands of Sir John Leake and others on prize funds. Dated Nov. 12, 1708.

Five other papers relating thereto. 6 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

[About Nov. 12.] 10. Memorial of Col. Hunt to the Lord High Treasurer. Had commanded the Fusileers, and was obliged to support the character of colonel upon lieut.-col^{s} pay. In the regiment of Catalans given him by Lord Galway, "he never had but Col^{s} subsistence, though with the commission and character of Brigadier." Had received no other recompense for his service, sufferings, fatigue, and loss in two sieges (Lerida and Tortosa), in eight months, with 200*l.* value in horses and mules, than his Majesty's thanks, and letter to her Majesty in his favour for the first regiment, with a commission as brigadier. Had suffered 10 months' sickness, and was not yet recovered. Prayed relief.

Minuted:—"Read 12 Nov. 1708." 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 11. Report of William Borrett and Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer on proposed discoveries by Mr Hind. Had given him a great many attendances, but he had offered nothing of importance, except some allegations of a pretended fraud in relation to a parcel of cochineal, which he had not made out. Dated 12 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 12. Report of J. Taylour to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major Faubert, praying payment of 830*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, being arrears due to him in his late Majesty's reign, to enable him to build a riding house for the accommodation of his academy. There was no more really due to him than 320*l.*, his pension of 500*l.* a year being void by the death of the King. As Mr Rich and Mr Brown, two of his late Majesty's pages, were entertained by him till July and August 1702, there were some grounds to apply to her Majesty for equitable consideration. Dated Treasury Chambers, 12 Nov. 1708.

His account and petition.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Oct. 1708. Mr Smith is to speak wth him." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 13. Report of the Secretary at War (R. Walpole) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Francis Rainsford. Found that petitioner's father and grandfather both died in the service of the crown; the former when governor of Upnor Castle, and the latter when deputy governor of the Tower. The petitioner had been an officer above 20 years, served all the last war, and was twice wounded at the siege of Namur. He served also all this war, part being in Spain, where he lost his right arm at the siege of Lerida. He was, besides, well recommended by the Earl of Galway for Her Majesty's favour. Her Majesty had bestowed a pension or bounty of 100*l.* per ann. on Lieut.-Col. Moncal (who lost a leg in the service in Spain) and on Magdalen, his wife, and the longer liver of them, during pleasure. His Royal Highness at the siege of Lerida preferred Col. Parker (a younger captain by eight years) to the post of lieut.-col., with a brevet to command as colonel, but promised the petitioner a reward equivalent, since which his Royal Highness being dead, and her Majesty having resolved to grant no more brevets, petitioner was deprived of all opportunity of recovering his rank. Was of opinion that petitioner deserved her Majesty's favour. Dated 13 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"27th July 1709. My Lord will move the Queen to do something for him. 100li p ann. ordered by Her Maty, 1 Aug. 1709." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 14. Report of Thomas Brodrick to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr John Tom, vicar of Kinsale in Ireland, for satisfaction for his trouble in doing the duty of chaplains absent from their regiments. Was of opinion that for the liquidation of the claim 51*l.* 8*s.* should be stopped by the paymasters of the forces out of the money payable to the chaplains (viz., at the rate of 2*s.* a day from each chaplain's pay for whom the petitioner acted). Dated Controller's Office, 13 Nov. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 15. Lord Gallway to the Lord High Treasurer. When he proposed the raising of a regiment of horse in that country (Portugal), he knew nothing of the reduction of the Marquis de Guiscard's [regiment], so left himself little room to provide for any of his (the Marquis's) officers. All the quartermasters who came that way and were willing to tarry he took care of, but recommended the rest for the royal bounty. Also recommended Col. Lafabrique for a colonel's pension. The Colonel had served well at the head of his regiment, which was raised in his name. Dated Lisbon, 13 Nov. 1708 [or ? 2 Nov. if N.S.]. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 15. 16. Report of W^{m} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of John Cunliff. Found that Captain Wheatley had debauched and run away with Cunliff's wife, and being prosecuted by Cunliff, was fined 200 marks. The prosecution had cost 100*l.* The fine had not been estreated into the Exchequer, but remained in the hands of the sheriff of Yorkshire. Was informed that several sheriffs kept fines of this nature in their hands, and often compounded them for inconsiderable sums, and did not account for the moneys they received, which was a great abuse. Was of opinion that petitioner should have his costs out of the fine, and in order thereto should, at his own charge, prosecute the sheriff to cause him to estreat the fine. Dated 15 Nov. 1708.

The petition, an affidavit, and the copy of the finding of the jury in the case. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 17. "An estimate of the wages due to her Ma^{tys} yards and ropeyards for Michaelmas quar^{r} 1707." Dated Navy Office, 15 Nov. 1708.

Another estimate a few days earlier. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 18. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the export of the current coin to Holland; admitting the fact and drawing attention to a previous report, which showed that Dutch ships brought quantities of brandy and other prohibited goods to the outports and there sold them, carrying away the current coin. Enclose letters from the collectors of Falmouth and Gweek showing that so much brandy had been run that it was sold at 4*s.* a gallon, and in two parishes they had bought so much brandy that they had not money to buy provisions. Several thousand pounds had been carried away, and unless a stop were put to it, they would carry away all the money from that part. Proposed sending a circular to their officers to redouble their diligence. They suggest also that a proclamation should be made thereon.

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Three other papers.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Nov^{r} 1708. The Com^{rs} are to write the circular letters by them proposed." 6 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Goddard, gent., who gave bond with 15,000*l.* penalty for John Sansom, Esq., collector of Bristol, who had absconded. The Com^{rs} give various particulars as to the state of M^{r} Sansom's account. Only a *scire facias* had gone out against Goddard, and before an extent were issued, he could apply to his Lordship. Dated 16 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Nov. 1708. The prosecution to go on in the Court of Exchequer."

The petition and a report of J. Bridges on the same subject. 6 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

Nov. 16. 20. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Pembroke) to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had referred the memorial of William Viscount Charlemont for consideration. Was of opinion her Majesty might grant 20*s.* a day to the Viscount (until otherwise provided for) as Governor of Charlemont, if her Majesty saw fit, in consideration of the hardships he had suffered in being deprived of his regiment in Spain. Dated 16 Nov. 1708.

The memorial. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 17. 21. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, "about 3 prizes taken in the Mediterranean, by Capt. Davenport in the Enterprize, and Capt. Stanhope in the Milford, of which lists are not certifyed from y^{e} Navy Board," whereby the Com^{rs} were incapable of giving directions for payment of any money to the captors' widows, &c.; proposing that they be allowed to dispense with muster books required by her Majesty's declaration. The board had advice from Algiers that M^{r} Goddard, the Cunsul at Tunis, who was indebted to her Majesty 5,000 pieces of eight "Civil and Mexico for a prize," was visited with lunacy. Measures should be taken to secure the effects. They had sent a letter to the Bey of Tunis for his assistance. Dated 17 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"19th Nov. 1708. Extract to be sent to Navy for their opinion upon the proposed method." 2 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 19.] 22. Petition of John Nys, messenger, to the Lord High Treasurer. Was sent on 4 Oct. 1706 from Newmarket with two expresses, one for the Pensionary of Holland at the Hague, the other for the Duke of Marlborough at the camp at Cambron. Was also sent to the Hague on another express to the Duke, and followed him to Antwerp. Claims 64*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* for his expenses; prays that his accounts might be allowed and paid.

The account referred to.

The petition was referred to William Vanbrugh, Esq., Controller of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Chamber, to consider and report 19 Nov. 1708. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 20. 23. "A proposal for assuring houses from loss by fire, by Act of Parlt, Nov. 20, 1708."

A moderate duty was proposed to be laid on all houses out of which losses were to be made good. The valuation to be on the basis of the hearth money. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 22./Dec. 3. 24. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Taylor. Had on the 19th ult. acquainted him with the transaction with the Prince of Savoy in regard to the levy money for the German troops sent last summer to Catalonia. They were now in a better air than they were then, but as far from guessing the end of the campaign as ever, for though they hoped to be masters of the citadel of Lille in seven or eight days, yet he believed it would be thought necessary to do something more to secure the new conquests. Every gentleman in the House of Commons must be sensible they could not, without some extraording charge, keep the field in the depth of winter, and in a country that had been entirely ravaged by the enemy for several months together. He says, "You may easily compute yourself by the contract, how far our bread waggons are like to exceed by the end of January (when I would compound to be at home) the allowance given by Parliament for that service. The contractors for ye artillery horses will be in the same circumstances, tho' that comes under another head, but I take the main article to be forage, hay and oats for all the horse of the army, who must in a few days be furnisht out of magazines farr fetcht and dear bought. Indeed it is almost a miracle howe we have been able to subsist hitherto. The utmost the troops can be thought to contribute towards it is one moiety, the rest must be borne by the Queen and the States, each their proportion, besides the English and the Hanovers that are entirely on her Maj. establishment." Asks that the matter might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer, and believes that not less than 50,000 will be required. Dated Camp at Boisleghduc [*i.e.*, Bois le Duc], 3 Dec. 1708 [*i.e.*, 22 Nov.]. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 23. 25. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. Wm Lowndes, Esq. Propose that Mr Short, Accountant General, should be made inspector and adjuster of damaged tobacco and wines for North Britain. Dated Edinburgh, 23 Nov. 1708.

Minuted :—"Agreed." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 26. [? Admiral] Edward Whitaker to the Lord High Treasurer. Recommends Mr Crowe, her Majesty's consul at Leghorn, that his bills might meet with no delay at the Victualling Office, as he had done the public a particular service in provisioning the squadron for four months, so that the King of Spain's requests might be complied with in those seas. Dated Leghorn Road, 23 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 25. 27. Representation by George Langton to the Lord High Treasurer as to the outport collectors' accounts. Dated 25 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

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Nov. 25. 28. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, giving a list of the officers for whose salaries the taxes were desired to be remitted. Dated 25 Nov. 1708. 1¼ *pages.*

Nov. 25. 29. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Captain Morgan Obrien as to the affairs of Col. Rice, against whom an Act of Parliament had been obtained. Give various details of the prosecution of the Col. as a debtor to the crown. Dated 25 Nov. 1708.

Minuted :—" 20th Dec^{r} 1708. The agents are to take care of this prosecuc̃on themselves, and M^{r} Obrien is to have 20^{li} for his trouble, but to be acquainted that he is not to expect any more."

Again :—" 22 Xber 1708. A l̃re writ to y^{e} agents."

Three letters, and two other papers connected therewith. 7 *pages and* 4 *lines.*

Nov. 25. 30. " The clothiers' engagement & promise not to dispose of or sell any of the talleys they receive from the office " within six months. Dated 25 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 26. 31. Lord Chamberlain's letter [to the Lord High Treasurer], signifying the Queen's pleasure to allow Alice Haberley, necessary woman, 2*s.* 6*d.* a day travelling charges, and half that allowance when the court resides at Windsor or Hampton Court. Dated Cockpit, 26 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 32. Memorial of Henry Stevens, Esq., the deputy of Henry Ayloffe, Esq., Queen's Remembrancer, lately deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer for a warrant for reasonable allowance for making out, &c. the duplicates of the land and other taxes. Dated 27 Nov. 1708.

Minuted :—" It will be nec̃cry to know whether this service hath been well & carefully performed for the several years since 1701." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 33. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on a paper of reasons offered by the merchants trading to Virginia and Maryland for encouraging the exportation of tobacco and bringing in of French wines in return. The Com^{rs} did not object to the merchants applying to parliament to obtain a law, and were in favour of the importation. Dated 27 Nov. 1708.

The paper referred to and a printed copy.

Minuted :—" Read 1 Nov. 1708. My Lord has no objection." 2¼ *written pages and* 1 *printed.*

Nov. 27. 34. Com^{rs} of Prizes to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. The money due to the company of the ship Enterprise, as well as the Milford, the joint captors of three prizes sold at Leghorn, had been remitted to England, and was ready to be paid to them when the lists were completed. Dated 27 Nov. 1708. 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lancelot Whitehall and John Mauseragh for themselves and others, officers of H.M. Customs at Deal, praying a reward for some silver plate, bullion, and other goods seized by them in and about Deal, which were taken at Vigo and Port S^t^ Maries; rejecting the claim. Dated 27 Nov. 1708.

The petition and three other papers. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 27. 36. Copy of a presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs as to the confusion in the accounts of the Customs, and as to the delays of the Comptroller General of the accounts of Customs in rendering any account of the debt of any particular collector. Propose that M^r^ John Crookshanks, the Controller General of the accounts of Customs in North Britain, who had the character of a very knowing, able, and experienced accountant, should be removed into the service of this revenue as an Accountant General at a salary of 1,000*l.* per ann. for himself and clerks. Dated 27 Nov. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 37. M^r^ Burchett to M^r^ Lowndes. Enclosing copy of a letter as to the debt of the Navy. Dated Admiralty Office, 28 Nov. 1708.

Minuted:—"29 Nov. 1708. When the Lord Adm^lls^ com^on^ is passed my Lord will speak with him & have y^e^ Navy Board here." 4 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 38. Ja. Dalrymple, waiter, to the Hon. Sir Alexander Rigby, a Com^r^ of Customs. Was reproached for doing his duty. When at Eyr went to pay his respects to the Lord President as usual, but found his Lordship, who was always his friend, in a perfect rage. His Lordship took him quickly aside into a room and upbraided him for searching the houses in the country belonging to the Earl of Stair for brandy that was run on the coast, and for harassing his tenants about the same, asking him how he durst attempt any such thing, adding, "If I had got my skine weell paid & sent home I had been rightly served." He thought his Lordship would have beaten him in the room. Dated Air, 29 Nov. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 39. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of divers victuallers in London and Westminster, praying leave to bring in a bill to restrain them from sending out of their houses any pots or vessels of their own to any private family or lodger with less quantity than a gallon. The Com^rs^' opinion was that such a restriction would very much prejudice the revenue of excise by hindering the consumption of exciseable liquors, in regard that many artificers, lodgers, and other persons, who kept no houses or families, and who had not occasion for so large a quantity as a gallon, would by such restrictions be hindered from sending for drink from the victuallers for want of vessels to fetch it in or persons to send for it. Such restrictions were neither necessary nor reasonable. If the victuallers were grieved by the loss of their pots they might without law forbear sending them out of their houses. Dated 29 Nov. 1708.

The petition to the House of Commons referred to. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 40. The Earl of Glasgow to [? Mr. Lowndes]. An enclosed list agreed with the establishment of fees and salaries paid in Scotland before the Union, but the last article, viz., the cess of Orkney and

Zetland, was not to be paid by the Queen, as the property was disposed of to the Earl of Mortoun. Asks for payment of a half year's fees and salaries. Dated London, last Nōer 1708.

The enclosure not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 1. 41. T. Baker to William Lowndes, Esq., as to a ship called St John Baptista and lading, taken by three English letter of mart men and carried as prize to Algiers. Dated 1 Dec. 1708. 1 *page.*

Dec. 1. 42. Report of Thomas Brodrick to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Walter Brough, father and executor to Lieut. James Brough, deceased. Was of opinion that the Government, not being concerned in this demand, it being only a dispute between the petitioner and the late agent or officers of the regiment (Lord Charlemont's) for a trivial sum, the petitioner ought to be left to his remedy at law. Dated Controller's Office, 1 Dec. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Minuted:—"3d June 1709. Mr Tilson to speak with Mr Gardnr as from my Lord about the hardship of ye petrs case in being put to law." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 43. Report of the Agents of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Bury, Esq., Receiver General of divers aids in the co. of Nottingham, with the particulars of extraordinary charges craved by him; advising that allowances should be made to him to the extent of 1,184*l.* for his industry, punctuality, and the outlay he had incurred. Dated 3 Dec. 1708.

The petition and the charges claimed.

Minuted:—"Read 9th Decr 1708. My Lord doth not use to pay anything on such cravings, while ye persons continue recrs; but when they go out of the rect, and have cleared their final accot. But in regard the petrs claim amts to a great sum, his Lordp intends to order some part of it in a little time."

"400li is paid in pt. 22 Nov. 1710. 400li more in part. Remains 384li." 3½ *pages.*

[About Dec. 3.] 44. Memorial of Nathaniel Carpenter in behalf of the regiment of foot in the Leeward Islands, lately commanded by Col. Lillingston and now by Col. Jones. The muster rolls of the regiment were in a packet boat, which was captured on its way to England; and another set for a further time was in the Kingston galley, which foundered; and so the paymaster could not issue the subsistence, and the officers and men must have starved if the government had not obliged the inhabitants to give them quarters. Prays payment of the subsistence from 6 Mar. 1706 to 22 Dec. inst., &c.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Decr 1708. Mr Howe is to pay to this regt upon accot of subsistence, wt he thinks may be reasonable, till such time as ye loss of ye muster rolls may be supplyd fro ye Islands, or an act, or clause in an act, for paying them for the whole time from March 1706–7 to June 24th 1708, according to the muster made 18 July last." 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 4. 45. Thomas Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to the Lord High Treasurer. A Spanish flag of truce from "S^{t} Jago upon Cuba" came into Port Royal harbour on the 28th of Oct. with 12 English prisoners, and she carried away 28 Spanish prisoners. The prize named to his Lordship as worth between 30,000*l.* and 40,000*l.*, was found to be worth 200,000 pieces of eight, in coined and uncoined gold and silver. Understood from Admiral Wager that the French were fitting out a squadron to make an attempt on the island. If their design was in earnest, they should buy it inch by inch, with the best of their blood. This month the island had been sickly, but grew pretty healthy again. Several had died. Prayed relief for himself and regiment. Four years before her Majesty promised relief of her regiments there every three years, which time they had exceeded four years. As to himself he had in his long service to the late King and her present Majesty received many wounds, which with the fatigue of several cold campaigns and eight years in that unhealthy climate, had quite worn out his whole frame. A French privateer had taken off a man as they supposed for intelligence connected with the invasion. Had laid an embargo on all ships and vessels for ten days, till he knew what preparations the enemy were making. Admiral Wager had sent two men-of-war after the privateers; one was ordered to cruise on the French and Spanish coast, and to endeavour to get off a man from thence, to learn what they were doing. Dated Jamaica, 4 Dec. 1708. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Oct. 30– Dec. 7. 46. Three letters of James Steuart, Lord Advocate to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the breach of contract by the late farmers or tacksmen of customs in Scotland by undue trading and the advantage they took of the Union. He reckoned that their profits had amounted to more than 60,000*l.* The letters also relate to the expenses of the judges on the circuits. That of 30 Oct. also relates to an allowance to Mistress Jean Ramsay, Lieut.-Gen^{l} Ramsay's daughter. Dated Edinburgh, 30 Oct., 21 Nov., and 7 Dec. 1708.

Also two accounts rendered by the tacksmen. 11 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 47. Memorial of the Office of the Works as to the charges (649*l.* 17*s.* $7\frac{1}{4}$*d.*) of the funeral of his Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark. Dated 8 Dec. 1708.

[Among the items is :—"Workmen ab^{t} embalming his body, &c. 09^{li}: 06^{s}: 08^{d}."] 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 48. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the account of repairs required for the guard houses and officers' rooms at Whitehall.

Minuted:—"Let this worke be performed, taking care her Ma^{ty} be eased in the expence thereof, as much as may be; but in no case to exceed the estimate." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 49. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes on the petition to the House of Commons of the poor seamen's widows, whose husbands were cast away with Sir Cloudesley Shovell, their admiral, in H.M. ships Association, Eagle, and Rumney; sending copies of

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three orders which came nearest to the case, viz., one for bounty to the widows of the Gloucester's company, in the year 1682; another to the widows of the Coronation's company in the year 1691–2, and the third for the widows of the companies of the ships lost in the great storm in the year 1703. Dated 10 Dec. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read 13 Dec^{r} 1708. They are desired to explain whether anything due for their husband's wages."

The copies referred to.

The petition is signed by the widows. 6 *pages*.

Dec. 11. 50. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. Enclose a petition on behalf of the Earl of Leven, craving, as Governor of the Castle of Edinburgh, that all wines for his Lordship's use, and for the use of the sutlery, imported since the Union might be brought in free of customs, as was practised before 1 May 1707. Had answered that the matter should be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Desired also that the copy of a letter received from the justices of the peace in Zetland should be laid before him. Brandy had been seized at Dumfries coming from the Isle of Man. Dated Edinburgh, 11 Dec. 1708.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages, quarto*.

Dec. 16. 51. Establishment of the artillery company in North Britain as it was laid before the last Parliament. Certified by Lord Leven that they had not received pay since they were put on the establishment of Great Britain. Dated 16 Dec. 1708. 1 *page*.

Dec. 17. 52. Report of the Com^{rs} for Salt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Sleford, who had erected a saltwork in London for the refining of rock salt, and had a great quantity destroyed by the flowing of the tide from the Thames and by the destruction of a lighter. It did not appear to them that the salt was lost as was suggested in the petition. Dated 17 Dec. 1708.

The petition and copy of a former report on the same subject. 4 *pages*.

Dec. 18. 53. Report of Thomas Brodrick, a controller of the army accounts, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the clothiers of her Majesty's forces in Spain, for payment of the off-reckonings due to the petitioners for clothing the forces. The paymaster was not authorized to pay the same on the paper muster rolls, and the parchment rolls were lost or mislaid. There was a clause in the Act which authorized the Lord High Treasurer to issue the money for clothing; or the petitioners might apply to Parliament. Dated 18 Dec. 1708. 3 *pages*.

Dec. 20. 54. "An acc^{t} of what money is at present needful to carry on the service of the Office of Ordnance." Dated 20 Dec. 1708.

Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page*.

Dec. 20. 55. James Steuart to ———. In respect to the month's cess given by the Parliament of Scotland to her Majesty in behalf of M^{rs} Jean Ramsay, Lieut.-General Ramsay's daughter, he thought

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it needless to trouble his Lordship further. The Queen's receiver might authorize any proper person to bring in the remainder of the month's cess, sufficient "caution" being taken for the application thereof. Dated Edinburgh, 20 Dec. 1708.

Also, letter of Ar. Douglass approving of the foregoing. 2 *pages, quarto.*

–Dec. 20. 56. A certificate of the money received and paid for the use of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c., from the 16th of November to the 20th of December 1708. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 57. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Samuel Baylie, Receiver General of aids and duty on houses for the co. of Stafford, advising certain allowances to be made to the petitioner. Dated 22 Dec. 1708. 1 *page.*

Dec. 22. 58. Similar report in favour of Robert Peters, Esq., Receiver General for the county of Hertford. Dated 22 Dec. 1708.

The petition and an account of his "craving." 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Dec. 22. 59. Affidavit of William Bowyer, touching the printing of the seventh volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 22 Dec. 1708. ½ *page.*

Dec. 24. 60. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. Enclose the establishment for the Officers of the Customs in North Britain for Christmas quarter 1708, and other papers. Dated Edinburgh, 24 Dec. 1708. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 25, 1707– Dec. 25, 1708. 61. An abstract of the receipts and payments of her Majesty's Customs, and of new and additional impositions from 25 Dec. 1707 to 25 Dec. 1708.

Also an account of bonds for the same period. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 62. The Earl of Seafield to the Lord ———, respecting the expediting of a pension to the Earl of Kincardine, "notwithstanding the signatur had not been presented within six months after the date." Dated Dec. 25, 1708. 2 *pages.*

[? Dec. 28.] 63. The Earl of Galway to the Lord High Treasurer. Had already desired to be acquainted if any more money were remitted to Father Cienfuegos, for the support of poor Spaniards because he (the Earl) was considerably "in disburse" upon that subject for some people who came over from the enemy upon the Queen's proclamation, whom he could not abandon. Asks directions. Dated Lisbon, 8 Jan. 1709 N.S., but on the dorse is, from E. Galway, 8 Janry 1708–9.

Also, "A list of Spaniards and people that came over from the enemy whom my Lord Galway subsists." 3 *pages, quarto.*

[? About Dec. 28.] 64. Petition of Joseph Paice and Charles Lodowick, of London, merchant, and John Chámpanty, Esqre, to the Lord High Treasurer, touching moneys due to them for subsisting her Majesty's forces in garrison at New York; about which there had been a dispute with the executors of Mr John Thrale, the late agent to the regiments.

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Minuted:—"28th Xber 1708. See the direccõns to Mr Borrett & Mr Blathwayt concerning this."

Also copy of a report, dated Controller's Office, 16 Jan. 1707–8, and of a warrant on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 65. Copy of instructions to Mr Pierce Griffith, appointed agent to the sick and wounded seamen, &c. at Port Mahon in the island of Minorca. The instructions are very minute, and include directions for the erection of a hospital. Dated 30 Dec. 1708. 13 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 66. Report of Mr John Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Wallis, Esq., praying payment of an arrear for clothing provided for the Royal Hospital of Chelsea and the four companies of invalids; also for loss sustained by him in receiving tallies, debentures, &c. Admits the first claim, but thinks *that* sufficient, without any consideration for the second. Dated 30 Dec. 1708.

Minuted:—"20th April 1709. My Lord will speak with Mr How about this." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 67. Commrs of Customs (Scotland) to John Crookshanks, Esq., Comptroller General of H.M. Customs in North Britain, "at his lodgings in Pell Mell Court, Westminster." As to the account to be rendered of the Equivalent to the Ld High Treasurer, and to be given to the Comrs of the Equivalent, it should be given in at the same time as that of the Accountant General. Approved of his care, and admired the exactness and delicacy of the frame of the account. Hoped when they had done away some more ill-humours from about the house, the board would be entirely easy. Would have watchful eyes on fomenters of misunderstandings, and on those who were labouring to compass their own ends at the expense of the Queen's revenue, or other men's honour. Desired he would observe any open or secret contrivances to the dishonour of their management, which would raise their esteem for him to the highest, for they loved frankness and "timeous advertisements," and had nothing so much in view as the honour and interest of the Queen and reverence and respect to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 30 Dec. 1708. 3 *pages.*

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In the Year 1708.

1. Memorial from George Douglas, Advocate, trustee for James Johnstown, Esq., to the Right Honble the Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland 1708, "in the matter of componeing of tacks or leases of teynds," more particularly of church lands, the crown standing in the same relation to them as the bishops before the suppression of episcopacy.

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In the book entitled "Entries for North Britain," Vol. II, p. 174, is a warrant for satisfying the gifts of King William to James Johnson and Geo. Douglas out of tacks and teinds in Scotland. Dated 31 May 1710. 4 *pages.*

2. Memorials or representations of the Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer respecting their office. Of a routine character. One, of 17 April, however, mentions that many of their officers had been insulted since the appearance of the French fleet on the coast. Dated in 1708. (7 papers.) 7 *pages.*

3. Memorials from the Pay Office to the Lord High Treasurer for issues of money. Chiefly signed J. Howe. Dated in the year 1708. (11 papers.) 17 *pages, 2 parts of pages.*

4. Memorials of the Comm^{rs} of Transport to the Lord High Treasurer for issues of money to pay the requirements of their office, viz., (1) for transport of soldiers from England to the West Indies, (2) for transport of wheat for the service of the King of Spain, (3) for victualling soldiers at Newcastle who came from Ostend on occasion of the late invasion, (4) for transport of horse from Italy to Catalonia, and (5) for purchase of corn for Catalonia. There are also one two other papers relating to the affairs of the Transport Office. Dated in 1708. 14 *pages.*

5. Similar memorials of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded, and one or two other papers. Dated in 1708. 11¼ *pages.*

6. Monthly debtor and creditor accounts of fees of the Treasury officers, and other papers connected therewith, January to December 1708.

There is also "An accompt of money rec̃ed by me for the use of the Right Hon^{ble} Sidney Earle of Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain, since Sir John Cooke was constituted Clerk of the Pipe, (viz.) 18th December 1706."

7. Weekly balance sheets of the Receiver General for Prizes from 29 Dec. 1707 to 23 Nov. 1708, and from 21 to 28 Dec. 1708.

8. Petition of the officers of her Majesty's ship Lynn, stating that the captain had disposed of the prize called the Mary, of Nantz, taken by the Lynn, and had not accounted for the produce thereof, either to her Majesty or the petitioners; prayed that the petitioner might be obliged to account. It has 1708 written on the back at a more recent period. 1 *page.*

9. An account of her Majesty's proportion of subsidies payable to the allies pursuant to the treaties for the year 1708. 2 *pages.*

10. The King of Spain's account, stated from the payments made for his use and service by James Brydges, Esq., paymaster of her Majesty's forces, for the years 1706, 7, and 8. 7 *pages.*

11. Proposition to raise a million on the East India Fund, &c. for the year 1708.

Also some calculations connected therewith. 5 *pages.*

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12. Petition of Samuel Clark, of Leominster, in the co. of Hereford, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Was Receiver General of the land tax for 1708 for the county and city of Hereford; prayed to be appointed for the same in the year 1709. 1 *page.*

13. "A view of the yearly income that may be expected from the revenues of Scotland towards the support of the civil government of the United Kingdom." Undated, but ? 1708. 1 *page.*

14. A project for the insurance of ships to raise a revenue without hardship to the merchants or mariners. The office to be established near the Royal Exchange, London, for registering all insurances. Undated, but after the union with Scotland. 2 *pages.*

15. Translation of an agreement relating to 3,000 Imperialists, 1,200 Italians, and 1,300 Palatins to serve in Catalonia in the year 1708, on the footing of Dutch pay. The Queen of Great Britain to direct her minister in Spain to pay the same. 1¼ *pages.*

16. Draft of proposals for the clothing of the army made by the general officers, to whose consideration the Duke of Marlborough referred the matter, as well for the next campaign in 1708 as "for the second year."

It shows the separate articles of clothing for a trooper, a dragoon, and a foot soldier. 3 *pages.*

17. Memorial for the city of Edinburgh, 1708, in relation to their being sole justices of the peace within the bound and liberties of the city. Since the Union some few of the justices of the peace of the county of Midlothian had endeavoured to alter and infringe the powers and liberties granted to the city of Edinburgh of being justices of the peace within the bounds of the city, reserved to them by the Treaty of Union. It is prayed that their powers and liberties might be preserved to them.

Minuted:—"Her Majesty has taken care of ye privil. of Edinb., 1, by not issuing any commission for that city; 2^{ly}, by not giving any accumulativ jurisd. therein to just. of any other county by any commission granted for any other county, so that until the law of Scotland gives an accumulative jurisdiction, ye justices who usurp it are punishable by law, &c. If thought that an admonition from the Queen would best determine this controversy before that had, ye matter should be referred to her Majesty's Council in Scotland." [*See also* Vol. CVII., No. 16.] 2 *pages.*

18. Copy of the "Earl of Wemyss' appointm^{t} of M^{r} Bayne to be his sec^{ry} as Vice Adm^{ll} of Scotland." Undated, but ? 1708 or 1709. The Earl of Pembroke then Lord High Admiral. 1 *page.*

19. The state of Lieutenant-General Harvey's regiment of horse, showing the names of the officers and numbers of men in England, the numbers in Spain, &c. ? 1708. 1 *page.*

20. Memorial of Archibald Douglas, of Cavers, Esq^{re}, Receiver of the land tax in Scotland for the service of the year 1708, addressed

to the Barons of the Exchequer; asking directions in what manner and before whom he ought to account. 1 *page.*

21. Account showing the several sums voted or enacted for various public services in the years 1702 to 1708. ¼ *of a large page.*

22. Residue undisposed of the public funds for the service of the year 1708. Also account of what is wanting to be issued to complete the sum voted by Parliament for public services, anno 1708. 2 *pages.*

23. "An abstract of the particular acco^ts^, showing what sums have been voted, addressed for, or enacted upon acco^t^ of publique services since her Ma^ts^ accession to the crown, and how farr the same have proved deficient," for the years 1702 to 1708. 1 *page.*

24. Memorial of the Duke of Argyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Had clothed the troop of guards under his command, and there being no gold lace made in the north, nor accoutrements "near so good as here," had engaged his credit, and must pay the eight months' clothing due from 1 May to 24 Dec. last; prays payment. 1 *page, quarto.*

25. Estimate of the forces on the Spanish and Portugal establishment, with the charge thereof for the year 1708, showing the names of the officers and the numbers under their command. It also shows the sums saved for the year 1708. 2 *pages.*

26. "An acco^t^ of what salarys and other allowances were annually paid to the several officers imployed in the Tyn affaire upon the late contracts, all which are continued as by the several constitutions on the present establishment." ?1708 or earlier. 1 *page.*

27. Memorial of D^r^ John Robinson, her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. Had resided above 12 months at Leipsic in Saxony, a place crowded with a court and an army, and had taken several journeys from thence to the court of King Augustus. Had been at an expense so vast that unless his Lordship would compassionate his case, he was likely to sink under his great necessities. Had to repair to Hamburgh as soon as he could clear his credit, after which he hoped for leave to come home and retire to his "poor prebendary" of Canterbury (which was all he had obtained for above 30 years serving the crown) where no such expenses would either vex him or compel him to give his Lordship any further trouble; prays his Lordship to assist him in his great necessity, by paying some of his bills of extraordinaries, of which there were several years due. ?1708 or 1709. 1 *page.*

28. "Extract of Marquis de Prie's relation ab^t^ contributions in Italy."

Docquetted:—"The contributions payd the Emp^r^ in Italy." Without date, but perhaps 1708, compare *Tindale's History of England*, Vol. V., p. 86. 1 *page.*

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29. Memorial of Captain Robert Gardner to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his Lp to direct payment to be made of 347*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* to certain officers who came from Spain in 1707, for their clearings.

The list of the officers and the amounts. 1½ *pages.*

30. Petition of William Carpenter, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. On his being disposessed of a commissionership of the victualling her Majesty granted him an allowance of 400*l.* per ann. until otherwise provided for. This was paid out of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty, which by the Act of the last session had been given to the captors; prays him to move her Majesty to pay his allowance in some other manner.

Minuted :—" My Lord says he doth not thinke it reasonable that the Qs revenue should be burthend wth this pencōn." 2 *pages.*

31. " Accot of the sums issued to Mr Brydges on the order for the 586,671*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for the forces in Spain and Portugal, &c. anno 1708."

Also "accot of the sums issued to Mr Brydges on the order for 500,000l. for strengthening the Duke of Savoy, making good Portugall alliances, and carrying on the war in Spain." 2½ *pages.*

32. List of such alterations as are proposed to be made to the establishment. (Endorsed) Ireland. Before 1709. [Some are recommended "by the Prince" ? George of Denmark]. 1 *page.*

33. Memorial of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer as to the export of a hundred tons of tin melted into bars, and as much more as was convenient; asking whether it should be put on board one of the Queen's ships, in the next convoy into the Mediterranean, to be carried to Leghorn and Genoa, or whether the trade in the Mediterranean should be left to the merchants. ? About 1708 or 1709. 1 *page.*

34. An abstract of payments for levy money to the seven regiments "broke" at Almanza, to enable them forthwith to recruit; and,

An abstract of payments to the foregoing seven regiments, since the 24th of December last, for subsistence of officers and recruits. 3 *pages.*

35. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer (Godolphin) of Hugh Montgomery, Esq., on behalf of himself and partners relating to the sugar works at Glasgow, that they might enjoy the same exemptions and privileges in relation to the customs and excise, as they did before the Union. 1708.

Also an "Act of Parliament anent the manufactories of sugar works in Glasgow." Reprinted at London 1708. 2 *large pages.*

36. "Coppy of a memorial given by Cavers to Wrae." Cavers was a Receiver General of land tax in Scotland. He applies for a

renewal of his commission and for the settlement of the remuneration, &c. There are copies of two or three other documents relating to his security, &c. 1708 or early in 1709. 3 *pages.*

37. A list of the officers "en second" serving with the troops in Portugal. ? 1708 or 1709. 3 *pages.*

38. "Great Britain's Remains or Wayes and Means to raise 4,085,999^{ls} per annum to carry on the Warr against France and Spain and for the more easy recruiting our army and manning the Fleet."

The project is for an insurance office to insure during the war all merchandize exported at 5*l.* or 6*l.* per cent. and bullion at 20*l.* per cent., and coasting vessels at 2*l.* per cent. At the end are remarks approving the scheme. ? About 1708 or 1709. 2 *pages.*

39. Petition of Sir Richard Haddock, Kn^{t}, to the Queen. Had served for upwards of 20 years as Controller and one of the principal officers of the Navy. Richard Goodlad, lately deceased, was under searcher of the port of London, which office he had by grant from the crown for two lives, both being now extinct; praying the Queen in consideration of his long and faithful services, to bestow the office of his kinsman on the petitioner's son, Richard Haddock.

[Undated, but Sir Richard Haddock, Kn^{t}, was appointed controller of the Navy 1688, and the petitioner speaks of his having served in that quality for upwards of 20 years]. 1 *page.*

40. A list of pensions and annuities payable out of the civil list revenue, viz., at the Exchequer, the Post Office, and the Excise Office, and by tallies of assignment on alienations. Between 1707 and 1710 from mention of Lord Cowper It was after the settlement of the pension of 5,000*l.* per ann. on the Duke of Marlborough. ? About 1708 or 1709. 2 *pages.*

41. Petition of Francis Ellison, agent to the Queen's own regiment of dragoons, commanded by the R^{t} Hon. the Lord Raby, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that 237*l.* might be allowed to pay the serjeants, corporals, &c. for the stoppage on their pay at 5*d.* a day. Undated.

Certificate of the Earl of Galway thereon. Dated Tarragona, 24 Jan. 1708 N.S. [*i.e.,* 13 Jan.]. 2 *pages.*

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1708–9. 1. An estimate of the charge of the office of her Majesty's ordnance for the year 1709. 1 *page.*

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1708–9. [After Jan. 1.] 2 & 3. Memorial "for the forces in Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer." The arrears of pay due to the forces from 1 May 1707 were still unsatisfied, and the officers were considerably out of pocket in providing necessary equipage for themselves and troops upon the late intended invasion; pray an order for payment of the arrears preceding 24 Dec. last as stated in the account, from 1 May 1707 to 1 Jan. 1708.

The account referred to. 3 *pages*.

Jan. 3. 4. Copy of the conditions upon which Mons. de Cadogan, Plenipotentiary-General, Major and Quartermaster-General of her Majesty's army, was qualified to treat with John Hudson and Theodore Jonghe for the supply of forage to the troops of his Highness the Elector of Brunswick Lunenburgh, being in the pay of her Majesty. Consisting of seven articles. Signed at Bruxelles, 3 Jan. 1708–9 [or 23 Dec. 1708, if N.S.]. (*French.*) 3 *pages*.

Jan. 4. 5. Similar copy of conditions entered into with Pierre Panguert and M. Robyns for forage for 21 squadrons, as well cavalry as dragoons, 4 battalions "el l'Estat major trouppes d'annoises:" being in her Majesty's pay and that of the States of the United Provinces. Consisting of nine articles. Dated 4 Jan. 1708–9. (*French.*) 6 *pages*.

Jan. 4. 6. "Prize Office, Jan^{ry} 4, 1708. An account of what debts are due, and what farther expectations there are of money to come into the office."

Minuted:—"9th Feb. 1708–9. The Com^{rs} are to attend again next Saturday morning." *Again*:—"30 May 1709. Read." 3 *pages*.

Jan. 4. 7. Earl of Cromertie to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Formerly the justices ordered their clerks to give up rolls with the names of all persons fined in the court of Justiciary, whether of the circuits or in ordinary sittings, to the Lord Treasurer of Scotland, in order to exact the fines. The Com^{rs} of Justiciary desired to know to whom the lists should be delivered. Dated Edinburgh, 4 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"Speak wth E. of Salford. Answered 20th Jan^{ry} 1708" [*i.e.*, 1708–9].

The letter referred to is entered in the *North Britain Book*, Vol. I., p. 478. The Lord High Treasurer directs that the lists be transmitted to the Queen's Remembrancer of Scotland. 1 *page, quarto*.

Jan. 7. 8. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Peacock, treasurer and chief constable of the hundred of Witchford, in the Isle of Ely, in the co. of Cambridge, and of William Robinson and Robert Chapman for themselves and the inhabitants of that hundred, who had paid 234*l.* for a pretended robbery committed in that hundred; asking that a fine of 234*l.* levied upon William Wye might, in consideration of their charges in prosecuting him and his servant for the false swearing of the latter, be paid to them: advising that it should be paid, and be distributed among the inhabitants of the hundred who had contributed. Dated 7 Jan. 1708–9.

The petition. 5 *pages*.

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Jan. 8. 9. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Micajah Perry, on behalf of William Byrd, Esq., her Majesty's Receiver General of Virginia. Three per cent. only was allowed to the Receiver General of the tobacco duty for his trouble: advising that 5 per cent. should be allowed. Dated 8 Jan. 1708–9.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 13. 10. Memorial of the colonels of the four regiments being raised for H.M. service in Ireland, to the Lord Lieutenant (Wharton), praying that the 40*s.* Irish money might be made up to 3*l.* English, allowed for levy money. "Recd from Col. Jones, Jan. 13, 1708." (Three signatures.) 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 11. Report of Thomas Brodrick to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lieut. Robert Savill of the Rt Hon. the Lord Mordaunt's regiment to the Lord High Treasurer, as well in respect to the levy money and the accounts between the agent and the petitioner as to his demand for his own pay. Dated Controllers' Office, 15 Jan. 1708–9. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 12. Report of the Comrs for licensing hawkers and pedlars to the Lord High Treasurer upon the case of several poor people who go about the streets of London and suburbs thereof, and places adjacent, buying old clothes, hats, perriwigs, &c., and selling them at the broker's shops, or where else they can dispose of them. Being informed that the people who cried old clothes about the town daily exposed to sale, either at some houses where they appointed tradesmen to meet them, or else at the brokers' shops, the several goods which they bought, of the which they could by no means pretend to be either the makers, apprentices, servants, or agents to the makers, they (the Comrs) ordered their officers to take up some of the most substantial of these traders, who were thereupon convicted. The traders had applied to Sir Edward Northey, whose opinion was that they came within the Act; indeed they seemed to acknowledge it in their "case," for they prayed to be excused till Midsummer, when every one was willing to take a licence. Some of the officers who had taken them up had, in consideration of their poverty, compounded the penalty of 12*l.* to 4 guineas, which being wholly in the officers' own choice, they (the Comrs) hoped this piece of charity in the officers would not be imputed to them as a fault. The Comrs' opinion was that the petitioners were traders within the description of the Act. Dated 17 Jan. 1708–9.

The case referred to, in which the petitioners state "that when the said Act was first in force, some of them went to the Commissioners aforesaid to know if they must have a licence for buying or selling old cloaths, and the Commissioners told them that they need not have one; for the Act did not reach them. But now some cunning body or other, having found out this great secret, the Commissrs say they are certainly included in the Act, and have given orders accordingly for the taking them all up. Some of these poor people have been with the Commissioners, but can have no redress; notwithstanding what has been formerly said as to their not being within the said Act. That if they did give their opinion not according to law it signified nothing to the purpose, it was only a mistake and they might be mistaken as well as other men."

Minuted:—" Read 21th Jan^{ry} 1708."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XIV., p. 287 is:—" Com^{rs} of Hawkers & Pedlars cald in. Their report about cryers of old cloaths, &c. is read. The Com^{rs} are to tell them that they shall not be troubled till Midsomer next, provided they will then take out lycences." 5 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 13. Com^{rs} of Salt's "report [to the Lord High Treasurer] of the reasons that occasioned the decrease of the duties on salt in the year ending Michaelmas 1708, with an account of the debts on the salt duties at Michaelmas 1708, and the balances that were then in cash in the hands of the several collectors [dated 18 Jan. 1708]; together with a copy of their presentment of the 27th Nov. 1707, relating to the duties under their management annexed." 20 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 14. The Lord Advocate of Scotland (Ja. Steuart) to the Lord [High Treasurer] "about the recoinage in Scotland, proposing that the Bank should be allowed 1,800*l.* for their care and pains in taking in the m^{o} in order to the recoinage at Edin[burgh]." Dated Edin., 18 Jan. 1709, [*i.e.* 1708–9. He received a pension in March 1709–10, and is spoken of as late Lord Advocate. See *North Britain Book*, Vol. 2, p. 143. His successor as Lord Advocate was appointed in 1709.]

Also the memorial of the Governor and Court of Directors of the Bank of Scotland, asking for a gratification for the above service. The recoinage could hardly have been accomplished without the aid of the Bank. They had advanced 40,000*l.* during the whole time of the coinage which commenced in September 1707. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 15. Report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Hannah Griffith, widow of Thomas Griffith, late collector of Sligo, who was security for his brother and indebted to the crown. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 18 Jan. 1708. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 20. 16. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the merchants trading to Portugal, Spain, and Italy, complaining of a proposal made by certain Virginia and Maryland merchants, for liberty to export tobacco and other plantation goods, and British manufactures to France in neutral ships; and in return to import wines from thence in the same ships, which proposal if agreed to, the petitioners apprehended would not only ruin their particular trade, but tend to destroy the woollen manufacture of this kingdom. The Com^{rs} were of opinion that though the trade of Portugal, Spain, and the Straits was very beneficial to Great Britain, and ought by all means to be encouraged, yet that the enlarging the vent of the plantation goods and British manufactures, would be a further advantage to the nation; even on the supposition that some French wines might be imported in return for such goods. But whether this advantage were of importance enough to open any trade with France at that time, was a subject for much higher consideration than for this Board. They were further of opinion that the tobacco trade should be carried on in British shipping. Dated 20 Jan. 1708.

The petition with many signatures and a paper of reasons against the importations referred to.

Minuted :—"Read 24 Jan^ry^ 1708–9." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 17. Copy of "Convention made between the underwritten persons for recruiting the body of Imperial foot in the pay of the Queen of Great Britain in Catalonia, being authorized for this effect by his Imperial Majesty and the Queen of Great Britain." Dated at the Hague, 20 Jan. 1708–9 [if N.S. 9 Jan.]. The persons signing were "P. et D. de Marlborough Eugene de Savoye." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 20. 18. Com^rs^ for the Equivalent to the Lord High Treasurer, proposing that his Lordship should send his warrant to the Com^rs^ of Excise for North Britain to pay over to the former the increase on the excise, as well as arrears when recovered. Dated Edinburgh, 20 Jan. 1708–9. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 19. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial from the Com^rs^ of Customs at Edinburgh, praying information as to the Queen's moiety and the officer's proportion of seizures. The practice upon the Act of the last session, pursuant to a late order in the Court of Exchequer was, that all French goods seized should be appraised at their full value, duty included, and that after condemnation the duties should be paid, and the remainder of the appraisement divided between the Queen and the officer; and that when the value of the goods, as appraised, fell short of the duty, the goods should be sold to the best advantage, and the produce of the sale applied by the collector towards the payment of the duties, &c. Dated Custom House, London, 21 Jan. 1708.

Minuted :—"24 Jan^ry^ 1708–9. A copy to be sent to the Com^rs^ of y^e^ customes in Scotland & direct them to govern themselves accord^gly^."

The memorial mentioned. 2 *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 20. Memorial of Edward Pauncfort to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays that a stop may be put on the last assignment made by Guy Palmes on the pension granted him from the post office, the memorialist having lent him 4,000*l.* to make good a deficiency when he (Palmes) was teller of the Exchequer.

Referred to the Postmasters General 21 Jan. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 21. Report of the Commissioners of Revenue (Ireland) to the Lord High Treasurer concerning ships going with provisions from Ireland to Spain. Her Majesty's learned counsel were of opinion there was no law to prohibit the same. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 22 Jan. 1708–9. 1 *page.*

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Jan. 22. 22. The Earl of Gallway to the Lord High Treasurer. Testifies to the great merit and learning of, and to his particular esteem for Doctor Bouhereau, who had been his secretary in Piedmont, whose case he enclosed. Dated Lisbon, 2 Feb. 1709 N.S., *i.e.* 22 Jan. *Docquetted*:—2 Feb. 1708–9.

Accompanied by the "petition of Doctor Elias Bouhereau, Keeper of the Public Library near S^{t} Sepulchres, Dublin," erected by the Archbishop of Armagh. He was allowed 200*l.* a year by the beneficence of her Majesty until the chantership of the Cathedral Church of S^{t} Patrick fell vacant by the death of Dean Synge. Was required to pay two third parts of 360 odd pounds expended in buildings to the executors of the Dean. Was a stranger and left France for his religion's sake, and brought over nothing with him but a numerous family and his books, value 500*l.*, which he gave to the library. Prays the continuance of his pension for two years. Was 68 years old.

Minuted:—"Ref. to my Lord Lieutenant." 2 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 24.] 23. "Virginia Merchants' reply" [to the Lord High Treasurer], respecting the ransom of the ship "London Merchant," which was taken in coming from Virginia, the master and mate being carried as hostages to France. It was hoped that his Lordship would think it equitable that all who benefitted by the redemption should contribute in proportion to their interest. The merchants pressed that her Majesty should contribute to the redemption of the master and mate; but the Com^{rs} of Customs, to whom the matter had been referred, had thought otherwise. A precedent is cited of another capture. 16 signatures.

Three other papers on the same subject.

Minuted:—"Com^{rs} Customs to be here next Wednesday & then these papers to be considered."

"Read 24th January 1708–9. The C. C. & y^{e} pet^{rs} present."

"There being no precedent alledged but that of Sandwell, and my Lord finding there is a great difference between that & the present case, doth thinke a precedent of this nature would be followed wth too great inconveniencys." 8 *pages.*

Jan 26. 24. W^{m} Lowndes to W^{m} Blathwaite, Esq^{re}, Auditor General of her Majesty's plantations. Encloses Order of Council relating to the issuing of a commission for settling the limits between Virginia and Catalonia [*sic* for Carolina]. The Lord High Treasurer desired M^{r} Blathwaite to report thereon. Dated 26 Jan. 1708–9. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 25. Thomas Richards to William Lowndes, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury and member of Parliament. Encloses proposals to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer to be used in the House if he saw fit, adding, "if these proposalls be any ways serviceable to my Lord, yourself, or the nation, I shall think myself very well rewarded & extremely pleased with this opportunity offer'd me, of casting my mite into the Corban for serving her Ma^{tie}, & easing my countreymen of the calamities this scarcity of money makes them groan under." Dated 27 Jan. 1708–9.

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His proposals included (1) that the groats, three pences, two pences, and pence (of which there were very few) should be made of silver of five groats, or half-a-crown an ounce. (2.) (If the first were not adopted) the fire office proposed by him in the late reign, to supply the deficiency of the clipped money, would be a good fund to work upon, and would raise 1,700,000*l.* in the south of Great Britain. (3.) The merchant should be allowed a little more for bullion brought to the Mint than he could make any other way. (4.) The guineas to go at 2*s.* or half-a-crown instead of 1*s.* 6*d.*, and the *louis dores* brought into the Mint at 4*d.* or 6*d.* more than their value. This would renew the golden age, and drain the common enemy of those yellow boys, with which he did more mischief than with the sword; and lastly the proposals above mentioned for raising a supply by a general insurance for losses by fire. [This is an elaborate paper, objections being added and answered.] He states "The fire office in London, called 'the Friendly Society,' was ye first, and in my opinion the best ensurance of that kind that ever was set up; the members thereof come into it for a small sūme deposited at their initiation, & whensoever any fire happens are relieved by the whole body of the society; each person bearing an equal share towards repairing the loss. Every member of this society at his entrance into it deposits in the hand of ye undertakers 16*s.* for every hundred pounds worth of stone or brick buildings, and double that sūme for tymber, buildings, besides 2*s.* 6*d.* for his policy or instrument of insurance, wch lasts but for 7 years." 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 27. 26. Order in Council for the Officers of the Ordnance to supply the stores and ammunition of war specified in a schedule, for her Majesty's province of New Hampshire. Dated 27 Jan. 1708.

The schedule mentioned. 3 *pages* (*decayed*).

Jan. 29. 27. Mr James Graham and Mr Robert Forbes to [? Mr Lowndes], asking him to take a suitable opportunity to present an enclosed application to the Lord High Treasurer, containing their claims for their salaries as judges of the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland. They had received nothing since the Union. Dated Edinburgh, 29 Jan. 1708–9.

The paper mentioned is not with it. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 30. 28. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Taylour. Encloses by the Duke's directions copy of a letter from the Duke of Wirtemberg, relating to the arrears of extraordinaries due to the Danish troops, to be laid before the Lord Treasurer that some care might be taken in it. Had written to Mr Sweet to know if he were in cash to advance about 100*l.*, in which case his Grace would give him directions. Dated [Bruxel]les, 10 Feb. 1709, [*i.e.*, 30 Jan.].

Copy of the letter referred to. The Duke of Wirtemberg says the troops of the King, his master, were in the last necessity from want of pay. By calculation Great Britain owed 309,857 florins. Asks his Lordship's assistance in the payment thereof, as well as what was owing from the States General. Without these aids no regiment

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of the Danes would be recruited or remounted for the next campaign. Dated Bruxelles, 4 Feb. 1708–9.

Copy of another letter as to the acceptance of a bill of exchange by Mr Sweet. (*Both French.*)

Also an account of the arrears referred to. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 29. Report of the Attorney General (Mountague) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had perused the annexed draft of a privy seal for his discharge of the Earl of Peterborough's lands from any demands of the crown upon account of his late employment in Spain, and was of opinion it would answer the purpose. Dated 31 Jan. 1708–9.

The draft mentioned. 4¼ *pages.*

Feb. 1. 30. *Docquet* :—" To my Lord Treasurer from Sir Hew Dalrymple, dated 1 Feb. 1708–9, abt the addll salary for himself & ye salarys to the rest of the lords of session." Dated Edr, 1st Febr. 1709 [which appears to be 1708–9].

The above letter is accompanied by copies of two memorials respecting the same salaries, and a copy of a royal letter on the same subject. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 1. 31. R. Walpole to Mr Lowndes. The Queen's printer to send to his (R. Walpole's) office 500 Acts of Parliament for the more speedy and effectual recruiting H.M. land forces and marines, and 500 proclamations to be distributed among the recruiting officers. Dated Whitehall, 1 Feb. 1708–9. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 1. 32. " Representation of the Commissioners of the Stamp Duties relating to the Atturny's Bill for an indemnity now before the House of Commons." Objecting on many grounds to granting an indemnity to attorneys, &c. for the frauds committed by them in relation to stamps. Having wronged the duty they had previously applied to Parliament for an indemnity, and had obtained it on condition that they paid all the duties they ought to have paid on or before 20 Nov. 1707. This they had omitted to do, and were now applying for a further indemnity Act. Dated 1 Feb. 1708.

Also a printed paper relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 2. 33. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on an order of council upon a representation of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations relating to the issuing of a commission for settling the limits between Virginia and Carolina. Was of opinion that as the commission tended to the improvement of the colony, the charge thereof would properly come out of the quit rents, as her Majesty had no other revenue at her disposal. The expense would not exceed 200*l.* Dated 2 Feb. 1708–9.

The order in council referred to. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 34. Order in Council referring a report on the petition of Colonel George Burton, of Major-General Wills' regiment of marines, to the Lord High Treasurer, for consideration of his services and sufferings, more particularly in Spain. Dated 3 Feb. 1708.

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The copy of the report, which states that "the Col. received no less than 13 stabs and cuts with bayonets at the battle of S^{t} Estevan in Catalonia."

Minuted:—"Read 21th Apr. 1710. My Lord will speak wth my Lord Orford on this report." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 35. Representation of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer that they had imported certain wine from Holland in H.M. men-of-war for the Queen's service. These they had directions to enter at the Custom House and pay the duty on, but the patent officers did not think that course practicable or safe, whereupon it was resolved that the wine should be seized, which was done. The duties amounted to 2,122*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*, and if necessary to be paid, would his Lordship order an imprest to Master Cofferer and a *noli prosequi*? Dated 4 Feb. 1708–9. 2 *pages.*

Feb. $\frac{4}{15}$. 36. The Earl of Gallway to the Lord High Treasurer. The hospital was so important an article, that it was impossible to subsist without one there. By the treaty the King of Portugal was obliged to furnish all the necessaries, but the Portuguese could not possibly comply with these terms, and the great number of men lost there was owing to our dependence upon their assistance. Asked his Lordship to give directions to M^{r} Brydges for the extraordinary expenses about the same, as was done in Spain. M^{r} Morrice had nothing remitted to him but the bare subsistence of the troops, which must fall short, if he had to pay sums for the hospital. Sent over by Col. Stanwix a draft for an establishment for this business. Entreated his Lordship's directions to M^{r} Brydges thereon. The campaign drew very near and it was necessary all these things should be settled. Dated Lisbon, Feb. 15, 1709 N.S., *i.e.*, 4 Feb. [1708–9]. 5 *pages.*

[About Feb. 4, 1708–9.] 37. Memorial of the Earl of Leven, Governor of the Castle of Edinburgh, to the Lord High Treasurer, seeking to have the duties on his wines allowed him since the time of the Union, as had been always allowed to him and his predecessors as governors of the Castle of Edinburgh. He had had no allowance for intelligence these three years. The Government in Scotland was in constant use to give 100*l.* yearly to all commanders-in-chief and himself before the Union. He expended above 200*l.* during the last session of the Parliament of Scotland when the Union was treated of, and as much about the time of the invasion last year for intelligence.

Two accounts of the expense of repairs and provisions for the Castle. 3 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

[This memorial seems to have been referred to the Com^{rs} of Customs for North Britain to report on, 4 Feb. 1708–9. See *North Britain Book*, Vol. II., p. 10.]

Feb. 5. 38. The Lord Advocate of Scotland (Ja. Steuart) to the Lord [High Treasurer ?]. Their salaries were paid with about 6 per cent. deduction—and the hardship was the greater as the Com^{rs} of Customs and Excise received theirs in full. Begs that provision may be made for the circuits, and that he may not again be entrusted with the disbursements. Dated Edinburgh, 5 Feb. 1709, *i.e.*, 1708–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 39. The Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had laid before Parliament an estimate for land services for the next year. 60,000*l.* was required for fortifications at Portsmouth, Chatham, &c., and 10,000*l.* for Languard Fort and for fortifying Harwich. As the land necessary could not be obtained so soon, they had abated the estimate 20,000*l.* Commissioners should be appointed to value the properties. Dated 8 Feb. 1708–9.

Minuted:—"A. S. M. to authorize my Lord Trẽr to appoint such officers of y^{e} Ordnance as shall be thought most proper, together with y^{e} Surv^{r} Gen^{ll}, to view the severall places where the fortifications are to be placed, and to take an acco^{t} of what h^{os} & buildings not belonging to the crown must be removed and taken away, & to make an estimate of the value thereof, and to report the whole to my Lord Trẽar."

Again:—"Read 15 Feb^{ry} 1708–9. The off^{rs} of Ordñce will propose prop persons for com̃s." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 8. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^{r} James Milner respecting provisions and money furnished for the victualling of H.M. ships at Leghorn, Genoa, and Lisbon. It would be advantageous that the bills should be paid. Dated 8 Feb. 1708–9.

An account of bills drawn and the memorial mentioned.

Minuted:—"10th Feb. 1708–9. Ordered upon M^{r} Milner's assurance that the tallys shall not be disposed under par." [M^{r} Milner gave the assurance.] 3 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 41. Affidavit of Stephen Foster and two other servants of Capt. Robert Mowberry, "wright or joiner" to the Custom House, Edinburgh. Were employed on the 6th of Feb. by their master to put up and watch the Queen's arms, and the union crosses, and other devices, with the intent they should be illuminated with candles. When illuminated the mob or rabble demolished the same with large stones. Sworn before James Steuart on 10 Feb. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 42. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had no objection to M^{r} Philipp's qualifications, though it would be necessary to appoint some person to audit the accounts arising out of the Exchequer Rolls, but the Treasurer's Remembrancer and the Clerk of the Pipe could do that. Lord Seafield engaged with them at first to take particular care of M^{r} Arbuthnot, one of their most useful clerks. They had no other way left to help him but by requesting that he might be made clerk of the Exchequer Rolls, and that the three offices of Clerks of the Property, Burrough, and Sheriffs' Rolls might fall to him as they became void. This would bring no extra expense, and something might be saved hereafter. If this looked like too good husbandry, they hoped it was an error on the right hand, at least till the

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revenue applicable to the civil list was more equal to the charges on it. Dated 10 Feb. 1708 [*i.e.*, 1708–9. *See* the endorsement.] 1 *page.*

Feb. 10. 43. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copies of four addresses of the House of Commons to her Majesty, in order that the officers concerned might comply with what the House desired. Dated Whitehall, 10 Feb. 1708–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 11. 44. William Popple to William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses by command of the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations an extract from a letter from Col. Park, Governor of the Leeward Islands, complaining of illegal trade carried on there. Dated 11 Feb. 1708–9.

The extract referred to. The trade carried on was in negro slaves. The Governor was freely offered bribes to wink at the clandestine trade. If 5,000*l.* would procure his removal they would freely give it. The duty of 4½ per cent. would yield 1,000*l.* more a year, if the officers did their duty; and he (the Governor) would give 1,000*l.* more for the farm of it, if he might appoint his own officers. The officers should be all strangers and removed every three or four years, for when they came to be inhabitants they dared not do their duty. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 45. Report of William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the visitors and governors of the college of King William and Queen Mary in Virginia. The college was founded by letters patent of 4 Will. and Mary upon the application of several persons in Virginia, in order to the supply of the church there with a seminary of ministers, and that the youth of the colony might be educated in learning and good manners, for propagating the Christian faith among the Indians. It was to be a place of general studies, or college for teaching theology, philosophy, languages, and other good arts and sciences. 1,985*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* were paid out of the quit rents for the erection of the building. Other grants were also made to the college, which was accidentally burnt down in October 1705; advising provision to be made for the re-erection out of the quit rents, &c. Dated 11 Feb. 1708–9.

Also the petition, with 14 signatures. 7 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 46. M^{r} Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends a memorial to be laid before the L^{d} High Treasurer, which the Earl of Wemys, Vice-Admiral of Scotland, had delivered to the Lord High Admiral, representing the necessity of the appointment of a secretary to correspond with the Admiralty Office, and proposing that 200*l.* a year should be allowed him. The Lord High Admiral had no objection to the establishment of the office, but could not do anything in respect to the allowance. Dated 11 Feb. 1708–9.

The memorial mentioned. 2 *pages.*

Feb. $\frac{11}{22}$. 47. Ad. Cardonnel to M^{r} Taylour. Enclosed copies of two contracts for furnishing forage to Danish troops and those of Hanover for their present winter quarters, and a letter of the Duke of

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Marlborough to Mr Cartwright. Dated Hague, 22 Feb. 1709 [*i.e.*, 11 Feb. 1708–9].

The enclosure referred to, viz.:

The Duke of Marlborough to Captain Cartwright. Desires him to accept the bills of the Sieur Castillo, who furnished the forage for the army before Gand, and now supplied the Imperial troops, viz., for 40,000 guilders, payable in two months, and the like sum payable in three months, for forage supplied. Dated Brussels, 17 Feb. 1709 [? if N.S., *i.e.*, 6 Feb.] 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. $\frac{11}{22}$. 48. The Earl of Galway to the Lord High Treasurer. Had often troubled his Lordship about Gibraltar, for indeed he was always of opinion that that place was very well worth the expense that had been or might be laid out upon it, and hoped by the directions he gave about the works that they might by that time have been finished, and at a reasonable rate. It was a disappointment to find that that matter had not been managed according to his expectation. Had sent for the engineer, Col. Bennet, to give an account of his conduct. Was the more concerned because if the sum which he formerly proposed had not been so far exceeded Parliament might have settled the arrears of that garrison. It was hard upon these poor people, who had advanced their money for the good of the service during the Prince of Hesse's time, to lie so long out of it, especially some who lent the utmost farthing and were forced to subsist on charity. Mr Morris would ere then have given Mr Bridges an account of payments for the fortifications. Would his Lordship find a fund for them, for they had none on that side of the water? A great source of expense at that place [Gibraltar] was the bread. The regiments might very well afford to pay for it out of their subsistence, since the Queen gave them their other provisions, and the rather because the two windmills he had ordered to be built would grind their corn, and so reduce the bread to a more reasonable price than hitherto, whilst the "Assentists" were obliged to send the finest flour from thence (Lisbon) for that purpose. Dated Lisbon, 22 Feb. 1709 N.S., *i.e.*, 11 Feb. [1708–9]. 6 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 12. 49. Report of J. Dod and J. Warters on the memorial of the Duke of Bolton, Governor and Vice-Admiral of the Isle of Wight; respecting a French ship driven on the coast of the Isle of Wight, and brought to Yarmouth Road under the guns of the Castle, and afterwards condemned as a perquisite to the Admiralty. Advising the giving up of the ship to the Duke, and that the proceeds should be distributed to the officers who seized the same, the Lord High Admiral's tenths and charges being first paid. Dated (on the back) 12 Feb. 1708–9.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted:—"My Lord will speak wth Mr Dod and Waters." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 50. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the allegations of Mr Harnage, a slopseller of the Navy. They pray that his L^p might be informed that M^r Harnage had supplied clothes to the amount of 37,103*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* and had only been paid 2,594*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Dated 15 Feb. 1708–9.

M^r Harnage's petition for an imprest of 10,000*l.* to carry on his contract. The copy of the contract and a list of the ships supplied, with the amounts.

Minuted:—"Read 11th July 1709. Send to the Com^rs Navy that my Lord doth not find they have given any opinion, and directs them in this and all other cases where matters are referred to them to report their opinion very expressly." 9 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Feb. 15. 51. Report of J. Dod and J. Warters on the petition of several poor sailors of Kingsmore, near Dartmouth, advising that 100*l.* should be allowed them for bringing in a prize: the ship having hoisted signals of distress off Dartmouth and yielded herself up as prize. Dated 15 Feb. 1708–9.

Minuted:—"This affair at an end 100^li reported & paid."

The petition mentioned. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 52. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses petition of the Earl of Roscommon, praying for an addition to his pension, with the report of the Attorney General for Ireland and a letter from the Lords Justices, who were of opinion that the petitioner, being a person of the first quality in that kingdom, and his circumstances very low and necessitous, if her Majesty would make an addition to his pension it would be well disposed. The Lord Lieut. concurred therein. Dated Westminster, 19 Feb. 1708–9.

Also the papers mentioned. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 53. Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Send the names of persons who were to attend M^r Travers, H.M. Surveyor General, to survey lands at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, purchased for fortifications. Remind his L^p to agree with the East India C^o for 500 tons of saltpetre which was absolutely necessary. Dated 19 Feb. 1708–9. 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 54. Presentment of the Com^rs of Salt to the Lord High Treasurer relating to drawbacks claimed for fish exported from North Britain. Petitioners [whose names are not given] were not entitled to debentures for their fish, because the duties were not paid for the salt used in curing them. Dated 19 Feb. 1708–9. 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 19. 55. Copy of a petition of Robert Earl of Roscommon to the Queen, and copies of four other documents relating to additions to his pension. The last is dated 19 Feb. 1708–9. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 56. Memorial of the [Com^rs] of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's commands to them through Lord Sunderland were to supply stores for Spain, New Hampshire, and for Dunbarton, at a cost of 30,149*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*; but the parliaments had previously concluded the estimates. The magazines were so empty, and the demands so great for Port Mahon, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Scotland, the train in Flanders, and the Fleet, that they begged his Lordship to order them for sea service 40,000*l.* and for land service 60,000*l.* Dated 24 Feb. 1708–9. The signatures are not added. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 57. Memorial of the Auditors of Imprest (E. Harley and A. Maynwaring) to the Lord High Treasurer praying for allowances in passing various accounts. The whole charge of their officers was defrayed out of fees. They had no allowance for office rent or incidental expenses. Dated 24 Feb. 1708.

With a note at the foot referring the consideration thereof to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and William Lowndes, Esq. Dated 7 March 1708. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 58. Extract from a letter from the Lord Galway to the Earl of Sunderland. Dated Lisbon 8 March N.S. 1708–9. Corn had been very dear in all Andalusia, but now would be quite otherwise. The enemy had proclaimed Cadiz a free port, and several British ships laden with corn had gone there. Cadiz was now so well stored with corn from Britain and with corn and other provisions from Ireland, that 10 regiments of foot had been sent to subsist there. Did not know whether Britain could reap any great benefit at present by an open trade with Cadiz; but was sure that carrying provisions there was most pernicious. Corn being sold half as cheap again there, none must be expected at Lisbon, and they would soon be reduced to the starving condition which the enemy would otherwise have been in. The new Assentista had raised the price of ammunition-bread 7 rees upon a loaf. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 25. 59. Lord Chief Baron Smith to William Lowndes, Esq. The Lord High Treasurer's commands came to Edinburgh after they had left, as he (M^{r} Lowndes) would see by an enclosure from two of his brethren. Had also sent an account of the state of the public debts and claims, which came before them, that they might be transmitted to the House. How skilfully they had acted in that affair others must judge; but they had acted impartially and to the best of their understanding. Was parting with his brother Scrope, who was going to "Bristow," and he for Frowlesworth in Leicestershire. Dated Doncaster, Feb. 25, 1708. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 25. 60. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer sending an account of the persons who had compounded their debts contracted on account of the revenues under their (the Com^{rs}') care, &c., according to an order of the House of Commons. Dated 25 Feb. 1708.

The order from the House for the same and the account mentioned. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 61. Translation of a paper delivered to my Lord Treasurer by Mons. Vryberge, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General. Relating to the States' men-of-war bringing over prohibited goods when acting as convoy. Dated 25 Feb. 1708. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 26. 62. "An abstract of y^{e} collectors of Her Majesty's customs receipts in y^{e} several ports in North Britain, from y^{e} 1st May 1707 to y^{e}

25 December 1708, with an accompt currant & abbreviate for said time hereunto annexed." "Custom House, Edinburgh 26 February 1708–9. Extracted p John Short Accompt Generall." 2 *very large pages.*

Feb. 26. 63. The Duke of Montrose to the Lord ——. Again calls attention to the case of the ship Industry which came to Scotland after 1 May, and asks that her Majesty's part might be remitted; without which the poor merchants would be undone, and some must either quit the country or lie in gaol. If driven to the last extremity they would make an ugly clamour in the country. Dated Saturday 26 Febr. [year not named, but Saturday 26 Feb. would be 1708–9]. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 26. 64. Copy of report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. Had caused the enclosed account to be prepared of public debts which had been compounded, in accordance with the address of the House of Commons. Dated 26 Feb. 1708.

The account mentioned. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 20 and Feb. 28. 65. Letters from the Comrs of the Navy to Sir Thomas Littleton, Baronet, Treasurer of the Navy, principally relating to paying off ships. Dated between 20 Jan. and 28 Feb. 1708–9. 14 *pages.*

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March 1. 1. "Instructions for Mr John Baxter appointed to go to Port Mahon, and upon his return the like to Mr Hunton, who succeeded him as commissary," and as paymaster. Dated at the Ordnance Office, 1 March 1708–9. 3½ *pages.*

March 1. 2. The Earl of Cromartie to the Lord High Treasurer. As to the provisions of the "tack" and farm of customs granted by the last Comrs of Treasury in Scotland to Sir George Hume and others. Dated Edinburgh, 1 March 1709 [*i.e.*, 1708–9]. 2 *pages.*

March 2. 3. The Lord Chamberlain (the Marquis of Kent) to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks directions to be given to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay the rent of a house in St James's Square for the use of two young noblemen from Muscovy. Dated Cockpit, 2 March 1708–9. 1 *page.* See *Tyndall's Hist. of England,* Vol. XVII., p. 136 note.

March 2. 4. Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen had ordered the address of the House of Lords to be complied with; wherein their Lordships desired several accounts relating to North Britain to be laid before them. Encloses an extract therefrom. Dated 2 March 1708–9.

The extract. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

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March 2. 5. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of another address for an account to be rendered of such accountants as had made up their accounts of moneys issued since the war commenced, and of processes issued against others. Dated Whitehall, 2 March 1708–9.

The copy referred to. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 6. Order in Council granting two small guns and other wreckage of a French vessel wrecked on the Island of Caldy to Captain John Williams, commander of a sloop attending the custom house at Bristol, on whose estate the wreck took place. Dated 3 March 1708. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 7. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on a memorial of Monsieur Vryberg, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, relating to the guns saved out of the ship Justice, of Middleburgh, cast away on the North Foreland; they might be re-shipped free of duty, but if sold must pay the same, agreeable to constant usage. Dated 3 March 1708.

Minuted:—"Shew this report to Mons^{r} Vrybergh."

The memorial mentioned. 2 *pages.*

March 4. 8. Account of the state and produce of the several branches of the revenue in North Britain since the Union. Dated 4 March 1708–9. 1 *page.*

March 4. 9. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses extract from a letter of M^{r} William Chetwynd, her Majesty's Resident at Genoa, who desired to know what agreement had been made with the merchants that remitted money for Spain by way of Italy. Asks orders to be given. Dated 4 March 1708–9.

The extract mentioned. 2 *pages.*

March 5. 10. Col. J. Dudley to the Lord ———. Had left no stone unturned to forward the manufacture of tar in those provinces. Had obtained a law in the province of New Hampshire that "all merchantable tar should pass in the tax," instead of money, which would encourage the manufacture. (Encloses the Act.) Had also obtained a law with 100*l.* penalty for every tree cut of certain dimensions without her Majesty's express warrant. (Act enclosed.) When this was done in New Hampshire had offered the same to the great assembly of the Massachusetts, but could by no means get it passed. For his care in the suppression of pirates, the strict observance of the Acts of trade, and labouring to keep the people close to their obedience to the crown, &c., he was sensible the people wished for an alteration of their Government, and when he neglected his duty to her Majesty he would join with them in an address for an alteration. Concludes thus:—"This is the greatest province her Maj^{ty} holds in America, has the burthen of the whole war upon it from Quebeck and Port Royal, has no salary nor receipt for a governor, not so much as a house belonging to her Majesty, nor has this great province given me what will amount to more than three hundred pounds sterling per annum. However, my estate and family being here I humbly wish her Majesty's favour that a very few men that act apparently contrary to all her Majesty's particular commands (that I brought with me hither) may not prevail against me to bring me to dishonour. I have had a six years' severe trouble with the French and Indians. I would be glad to serve her Majesty a few years in peace. If your Lordship please to put forward the reduction of Quebeck and a colony of North Britain in Nova Scotia, all the Indians in North America would presently be the Queen's vassals, and all the lumber, naval stores, and fishery would be her Majesty's own." Dated Boston, 5 March 1708–9.

The copies of the two Acts mentioned. 5 *pages.*

March 10. 11. Nicholas Merwin to William Lowndes, Esq^{re}, "at his house near the Abbey, Westm^{r}." Applies for 50*l.* on behalf of M^{r} Foster who had engaged to give the same to his son, lately married to M^{rs} Gyles's daughter. He would surrender the equity of redemption of premises already surrendered to M^{r} Lowndes, &c. [Apparently a private transaction with M^{r} Lowndes.] Dated Winslow, 10 March 1708–9. 1 *page.*

March 11. 12. Copy of a deed whereby John Duke of Montague, Keeper of the Great Wardrobe, appointed Thomas Dummer his deputy. Dated 11 March 1708–9. 2¼ *pages.*

March 11. 13. Memorial of Lord Fairfax to the Lord High Treasurer. M^{r} Blathwayt's report on the proposal to exchange the estate of the Lady Culpepper, and that of the memorialist (Lord Fairfax) in Virginia, for the "lott and cope" and office of bergmaster, in the wapentake of Wirksworth, in the county of Derby, had been laid before the Lord High Treasurer. M^{r} Blathwayt computed the memorialist's estate at one fourth of all Virginia, and estimated the value of it at 300*l.* per ann., besides the benefit to the public and the tobacco trade. But the quit rents amounted to 584*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* clear of charges. The estate would be of far greater value to the Crown than to any subject. The present possessors of the lott and cope paid annually to the Crown 146*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the same. It was not reasonable that an estate in fee such as theirs was should be exchanged for a lease. Asks that the memorial may be laid before the Queen. Dated 11 March 1708–9.

Three papers connected therewith. 6 *pages.*

March 11. 14. The Earl of Cromartie to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks to be excused from going the next circuit. Was the oldest judge in her Majesty's service, and as justice general had given more attendance at courts than any two of that station for this hundred years. Dated Edinburgh, 11 March 1709 [*i.e.*, 1708–9.] 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

March 12. 15. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to John Taylor at the Treasury Chambers. Ask for a proper discharge for 1,000*l.* paid to the Earl of Levin. Would be very glad if anything could be done during

1708–9. the sessions of Parliament relating to the settling the difference between the 34 English and 12 Scots gallons mentioned in their letter of 11 Dec. 1707, and also relating to the distillery and other matters. Dated Edinburgh, 12 Mar. 1708–9. 1 *page.*

[? About March 14.] 16. Memorial relating to the treaty of the Imperial recruits to be sent to Catalonia. Prince Eugene desired that instead of the first payment being made at Frankfort, according to the treaty, it might be paid to the widow of the late Cornelio Blessen at Amsterdam.

On the dorse is:—"Vide y^{e} Minute Book 14th March 1708–9." In the Minute Book, Vol. XIV., p. 304, is:—"His Grace y^{e} D. of Marlborough comes in. The recruit money for 2,467 Imperialists is to be paid according to a mem^{ll} now brought, according to P. Eugene's desires." 1 *page.*

March 15. 17. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer respecting the case of the ship "Industry," of Leith, seized with certain brandy, and sold at less than half its value, which extremely afflicted and astonished the Com^{rs}. Dated Edinburgh, 15 March 1708–9. 1¼ *pages.*

March 15. 18. Another report from the same, as to the activity of the runners of wine, brandy, &c., notwithstanding the three sloops which were in danger of being seized by the French picaroons. It would be much for their security, the safety of the revenue, and prevention of intelligence between the enemy and the ill inclined, to have two fifth and four sixth rates on the east and west coasts. The captains of the large frigates said that it did not signify in the least to go out after the small privateers, for they knew the coast and shoals so well, that a frigate of force could not come at them; and for boats they were too well manned, so that thus it is that these little fellows triumph round the whole coast. Dated Edinburgh, 15 March 1708–9.

Also copies of two letters from collectors. 3 *pages.*

March 15. 19. Report of the Secretary-at-War (R. Walpole) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major-General Wills, in relation to the expenses of himself and the officers of marines for mules in Catalonia and [elsewhere] in Spain. Dated 15 March 1708–9.

The memorial and three other papers, including a letter from the Earl of Peterborough on these demands, in which he mentions that he had had no supply of money from England for eleven months. 6 *pages.*

March 15. 20. J. Stanley to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Sends an account of the travelling charges of M^{rs} Abrahalls for her attendance on her Majesty as "M^{rs} Starcher" in the several progresses and removes of the court. Dated Cockpit, 15 March 1708.

Also the account. 2 *pages.*

March 17. 21. The Earl of Cromertie to Lord ———. One of the reasons that moved him to look into the customs in the year preceding the Union was, that by bringing many unexpected debts on the Equivalent, it would cause disappointment, and by the thronging in of goods, by the catch [of fish] in the interim, the customs would be defrauded of more than one year's value in the very entry of the Union. That fraud was too much supported. and the catchers were neither just in their claim, nor did they deserve much. He says, "I must say that the Parliament is cautious against encroachments on the treaty, and their particular kindness to some few, both Scots and other strangers, partners (if any be) is very signal. My Lo. I most applaud their great good will, when bestowed nationally on the encouragement of fishery; but allow me to wish it conferred on general and fair traders; for that of fishery is (in my little thought) ane of the good and great effects of our union." Dated 17 March 1708–9. 3 *pages, quarto.*

March 22. 22. "An estimate of the charge of the public ministers for one year (as they now stand) on their ordry entertainmts & extrarys within the regulacōn." Dated 22 March 1708–9. 1 *page.*

March 23. 23. Lord Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses "copy of proportion of ordnance stores, which the Board of Ordnance are directed to provide for a particular service," in order that provision might be made for the same. Dated Whitehall, 23 March 1708–9.

[Nearly 40,000*l.* was required.]

The copy referred to. 9½ *pages.*

March 23. 24. Memorial from Mr Anstis for money to be ordered for printing the ninth volume of Mr Rymer's Fœdera. Dated 23 March 1708–9.

Accompanied by the four last pages of the volume. 5 *pages.*

March 23. 25. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. The brewers, bakers and others of Portsmouth and Gosport had complained to the Lord High Admiral that the workmen of the yard were not paid, whereby they were in debt for provisions. Asks that the matter might be laid before the Ld High Treasurer. Dated 23 March 1708–9.

Minuted:—"Money since ordered." 1 *page.*

March 23. 26. The same to the same. As to the complaints of the Comrs for sick and wounded, that by reason of the taxes, which their secretary and clerks paid out of their salaries, the remainder was not sufficient for maintenance. Dated 23 March 1708–9.

Minuted:—"29 June 1709. To be laid before ye Queene." 1 *page.*

March 23. 27. William Prince to Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Knt. Asks him to speak to Mr. Secretary Lowndes, that the case of the widow Brooke, in relation to the ship Joseph, may be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 23 March 1708–9. ½ *page, quarto.*

March 25. 28. Copy of an account of corn shipped in the port of London from the 25th of March 1708 to the 25th of March 1709. 1 *page.*

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March 26. 29. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends by the Queen's command an address of the House of Commons, relating to the losses of the people of Nevis and St Christophers, for directions to be given thereon. Dated Whitehall, 26th March 1709.

The resolution and order for the address.

By a postscript it appears that there was a copy of another address which is not now with it. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 26.] 30. The Earl of Peterborough to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Found for all his services and uneasiness the recompense he had to expect was, not to be master of his own estate, under the pretence that he had had the disposition of public moneys. Desired directions to be given for the examination of the accounts of the Spanish expedition. His wife's indisposition and the little satisfaction he found in this country, would oblige him to ask the Queen's leave to go abroad. Must find some way once for all to put a stop to discourses which were spread to his prejudice. Major-General Gorge asked leave of him (Lord Peterborough) to address his Lp (the Lord Treasurer) for baggage and forage money. Was surprised at the compliment, and told him he saw no reason why he (the Major-General) should not petition for what he pleased.

Minuted:—"26 Mar. 1709. Mr Brydges to frame an accot of what sums wilbe set in super of the public moneys for Earle of Peterborow to accot for." 2 *pages.*

March 28. 31. "An account of such under officers as are necessary to be employed in the busines of prizes under the present constitution, with their salaries," for the Lord High Treasurer's approbation. Dated 28 March 1709. Signed, T. Baker and Wm Gosselin.

Minuted:—"30 May 1709. Agreed." 1 *page.*

March 28. 32. Memorial from the same, T. Baker and W. Gosselin, who were Comrs for the recovery of the arrears of prizes, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be allowed to draw warrants on John Henley, Esq., for sums due to the captors of prizes, and reminding his Lordship as to certain other prizes unsettled. Dated 28 March 1709. 1 *page.*

March 28. 33. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. As to the pay of the marine regiments. The Lord High Admiral had commanded him (Mr Burchett) to state the case of the marine officers, that it might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer for his consideration. The officers and men were under very great uneasiness. Some of the men belonging to Col. Churchill's regiment, being commanded by their officer to march and go aboard one of her Majesty's ships at Spithead, positively refused, and in a mutinous manner came in a body to town, insomuch that the Government had been necessitated to appoint some regular troops to seize on them, and they were then prisoners in the Savoy. Dated 28 March 1709.

Minuted:—"28 Mar. 1709. Read, & my Lord will consider the clearings wn Mr Knatchbull makes his return about musters." 1½ *pages.*

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March 30. 34. Report of Thomas Brodrick, one of the controllers of the army accounts, to the Lord High Treasurer. Respecting the respits of the guards, garrisons, and regiments under M^{r} Howe's pay for one year ending 22 Dec. 1708. Dated 30 March 1709. 1 *page.*

March 30. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the price of corn, the quantities exported, &c., laying before his Lordship an account of the market prices of grain, extracted out of the several answers in return to their general letter to the collectors of the outports. Also an account of corn shipped in the port of London to foreign ports. Dated 30 March 1709.

The enclosures referred to. 10 *pages.*

March 30. 36. "Navy Office, 30th March 1709. The humble returne of the principal officers and comiss^{rs} of her Ma^{ts} Navy to the order of the hono^{ble} House of Com̃ons of the 14th instant, for laying before the House the causes of the increase of the debt of the Navy, the like having been presented to y^{e} com̃ittee appointed to examine y^{e} estimate of the debts of the Navy the 6th Decemb^{r} last in pursuance of their order of the 3^{d} of that month." 2 *pages.*

End of March or beginning of April. 37. "Instructions to be observed by Christopher Rhodes, Esq., appointed paymaster to the forces ordered to attend the intended expedition against the common enemy." Undated, but Rhodes gave security for his trust; on the 5th of April his sureties were considered. See *Reference Book*, Vol. VII., p. 353.

Draft of Rhodes' appointment. 3¼ *pages.*

April 1. 38. A tripartite agreement as to the printing of the ninth volume of "leagues and treaties extracted from antient records," by Thomas Rymer, the Queen's Historiographer. With signatures and seals. Dated 1 April 1709.

Accompanied by a leaf of the volume. 3 *pages.*

April 4. 39. William Paterson, Esq., to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Complains that his dependence upon the public for a recompense for what he had done during the seven years of her Majesty's government, as well as for losses in former years, had so reduced him and his family that without speedy provision he must perish. The enclosed petition to her Majesty contains the sum of his case. Asks for his Lordship's intercession with her Majesty. Dated Westminster, 4 April 1709.

The petition shows that the petitioner first formed and proposed the scheme for retrieving the public credit by establishing the Bank of England in 1694, for which he had no recompense. The large share he afterwards had in the proceedings, misfortunes, and losses of the African and Indian Company of Scotland, as well as his concern for the true interest of Great Britain, induced him to propose a complete union, by which those losses might be repaired and future misunderstandings removed. In 1705 he formed a scheme for the union, and afterwards communicated it to the Com^{rs} at the late treaty, who entertained it favourably, and he spared no pains to promote the same, for which services the last parliament recommended him to her Majesty. By an omission in stating the Equivalent he (the petitioner) was necessitated to have recourse to the first parliament of Great Britain for relief. The House of Commons, by resolution of 18 Mar. 1707, declared that he ought to be paid the sums due to him by the African and Indian C° in Scotland, and a recompense suitable to his services. A clause was inserted in "an Act for further directing the payment of the equivalent money" relative thereto. By the register books of the above company 2 per cent. was due to the petitioner on the subscriptions of 600,000*l.* of the capital stock, and 3 per cent. on the profits for 21 years, so that 12,000*l.* were due to him. He had, however, not received the same, nor anything for his expenses, &c. during 13 years. This matter being before the judges of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, he could make no application to parliament this session. By which troubles, &c. petitioner was unable to subsist without her Majesty's special care and protection. 4 *pages.*

April 3 & 5. 40. Copies of two short letters mentioning the appearance, on the north-east coast, of French men-of-war, &c., supposed to be the Dunkirk squadron. Dated 3 and 5 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 5. 41. [Com^rs^] of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received instructions to provide stores for Spain amounting to 28,079*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, and for an intended expedition a further sum of 31,922*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, notwithstanding there had been no money given by parliament. Begged his Lordship to order money on the general services, there being nothing but tallies in their treasurer's hands. The artificers being two years in arrear, with no interest on their debentures, were reduced to the last extremity. Unless they had a considerable payment they could not furnish the service with stores. Dated 5 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 5. 42. Report of Thomas Brodrick, one of the controllers of the accounts of the army, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Nathaniel Carpenter, agent to Col. Toby Caulfield's regiment, relating to claims on the regiments for arms lost in Spain at the sieges of Requena and Quinqua, and at the taking of the flying hospital at Carthagena, &c. Dated 5 April 1709. 2 *pages.*

April 5, 7. 43. Com^rs^ of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq. On the 22^nd^ ult. they had given an account of the taking of the Orkney sloop by the French in Cromarty Bay, since which the mate and some of the sailors had been put on shore there and come to them (the Com^rs^) on foot in a very sad condition. Send their affidavit on the manner of their capture, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 5 Apr. 1709.

The affidavit taken 7 Apr. [*sic*], 1709. 3½ *pages.*

April 9. 44. [Sir] Alexander Rigby to William Lowndes, Esq. Seven hogsheads of most excellent claret in French casks had been seized, which proved to be the President Dalrimple's, and passed for him by his relation the collector at Port Patrick. Should set himself in opposition to this kind of work, for it was of dangerous consequence. From Dumfries they had an account that the officers had seized 48 casks of brandy within a mile of Arran; they could only take away 15 that night and put the rest into the town house; but 50 horsemen and about 30 on foot came in the night and carried it away. The humour and situation of that country occasioned perpetual discouragements. P.S.—There must be some way found to avoid letting men come to be collectors at the instance of great men there. Another danger was arising. The collector of Preston Pans, a near relation of Sir David Dalrimple's, was treating with another, to procure him the Lord Treasurer's warrant to succeed him (the collector); the price being 100 guineas. A worse could not be than the present incumbent, but "he that buys will profit, at least 'tis said so of the judges in Spain." Dated Edinburgh, 9 April 1709. 2 *pages.*

April 9. 45. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Sends copy of a letter from James Pomroy, a Frenchman, and John Mathews, a Swede, who had escaped from St Malo to Jersey in a small hoy, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer for directions as to the disposal of the hoy. Dated 9 April 1709.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

April 12. 46. "Memorial" of the Prize Comrs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of money chargeable on the Rt Hon. the Earl of Peterborough out of the prizes during the Spanish expedition. Her Majesty was interested in the galleons some time since taken by Commodore Wager in the West Indies. Had sent a monition of the High Court of Admiralty, with directions to Mr Hamilton thereon. Had also sent a duplicate to Governor Handasyd at Jamaica, and a letter to him to take the management of the business. Dated 12 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 12. 47. M. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Presses for payment of the advance for bread and bread waggons. The money should have been paid two months ago. The Duke of Marlborough assured Sir Solomon de Medina he would pressingly recommend the payment in ready money. Dated 12 Apr. 1709.

Minuted:—"12 Apr. 1709. My Lord will direct this as soon as the Exchequer Bills issue." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 12. 48. Richard Savage to John Taylour, Esq. Sends the account of the charges on the Duchess of Marlborough's chocolate. The enclosed memorial would show by whom the colours were carried to the Tower. [The chocolate and the standards were brought over in the Nottingham man-of-war, but it does not say where from.] Dated 12 April 1709. 3 *parts of pages.*

April 13. 49. "Estimate of the charge of making several repairs mentioned in a memorial of Mr Portman as most necessary to be done in Hyde Park. Delivered to the Treasury the 13th of April 1709. p Edwd Wilcox." 2 *pages.*

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April 14. 50. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning a certain parcel of plate, which was being sent to Portugal, under colour of arms for the King of Portugal, but seized at Falmouth by the custom house officers and condemned in the Court of Exchequer. Dated 14 April 1709.

Three enclosures.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Apr. 1709. My Lord finds the person who made this seizure might do it by law, that he is no custom h^{o} officer, and my Lord can give no direction in y^{e} matter." $4\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

April 14. 51. The Earl of Glasgow to [? Mr. Lowndes]. Assures him that he (the Earl) is deeply sensible of his obligations, kindnesses, and favours, and sends a copy of his (the Earl's) discourse to the Assembly. Dated Edinburgh, 14 April 1709.

The copy mentioned. Recommending the Assembly to promote religion, discourage profaneness, and immorality, and prevent the growth of popery. 2 *pages.*

April 14. 52. The Earl of Northesk to the Lord ———, "about goods saved by him out of Dutch ships." Dated Etlie, 14 April.

A memorial, which was enclosed and gave more particulars, is not now with the letter. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 15. 53. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, giving a relation of the circumstances in respect to some wines that came on shore on the estate of the Duke of Bedford, the property in which was disputed. Dated 15 April 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 15th April 1709. My Lord thinkes neither the Com^{rs} of the Customes, nor the Lords of Mannors, have any right to seize in these cases; but the same should be in the custody of the towns according to the law."

Four other papers relating thereto, two of which are legal opinions. $12\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

April 15. 54. "Certificate from the Coll^{r} of Portsmouth in behalf of M^{r} Shene to be landwaiter there. Recommended by S^{r} Thomas Littleton." Dated 15 Apr. 1709.

Minuted:—"27th May 1709. My Lord to be put in mind of this when a vacancy happens." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

April 15. 55. Henry Furnese to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The armies in Flanders, Portugal, and Spain, and the several subsidies to the allies, had all been paid by his correspondents; for which they had sent him bills for above 300,000*l.*, and he daily expected bills from several parts for very great sums. Had received nothing but tallies of late, which could not be disposed of, and he was reduced to the last necessity and not able to carry on the service without his Lordship's immediate help. Proposed that the second payment of the Bank of England, amounting to 133,333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, might be made over to him, and that the remaining 80,000*l.* of first land tax tallies might be assigned to him. Thus he might advance money to carry the armies into the field, the Duke of Marlborough having given orders to M^{r} Sweet to get together what money was possible. Dated 15 April 1709.

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 15, p. 6, 15 April 1709, is:—"The 2d paymt by ye Bank upon accot of ye 400,000*l.* to be advanced by them, is to be issued to Mr Bridges for Sir Henry Furness, upon acct of the pay of ye forces." There were further issues to him on the 21st and 23rd of April. See *Ib.*, pp. 10 and 11. 1 *page.*

April 16. 56. Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The justices had given judgment that the distillers should pay no more duty than three pence the Scots pint (two whereof make nearly the English wine gallon) upon spirits perfectly made, and had wholly discharged them from paying any duty on low wines, in consideration of the weakness of the common brewers' wash, the distillers were to charge themselves by their own oaths, without regard to the charge made upon them by the officers. This was directly contrary to the laws of excise. Dated Edinburgh, 16 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 20. 57. Affidavit of William Bowyer touching the printing of the eighth volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 20 Apr. 1709. 1 *page.*

April 20. 58. Account of moneys advanced by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England to several offices for Her Majesty's service. Dated 20 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 21. 59. Memorial of Walter, Lord Blantyre, to the Lord High Treasurer. King Charles II. granted to Frances, late Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lenox, an annuity of 1,000*l.* out of the hereditary excise, in exchange for her estate of Aubigney in France. which was paid till 1691; prays that three quarters of arrears due at the Duchess's death might be paid. The arrears in William the Third's reign had not been paid. Dated 21 April 1709. 1 *page.*

April 23. 60. Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. Send a copy of a memorial delivered by them to the Lord Justice General and Lords of Justiciary that they might incline the justices of the peace to act with more regard to the interest of the revenue of excise. Dated Edinburgh, 23 April 1709.

The memorial referred to, in which the Comrs complain that the justices do not punish offenders in any proportion to their offences, whereby they are encouraged in their fraudulent practices. 3 *pages.*

April 25. 61. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen being sensible of Mr Blencowe's diligence and capacity in deciphering letters, and how little proportion there was between the recompense he had received and the pains he had taken, desired that his salary might be doubled and made up to 200*l.* a year. Dated Whitehall, 25 April 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 25. 62. Baron Smith to John Taylor, Esq., at the Treasury. Must not leave town without thanking him for the many favours he had received. Dated Serjeant's Inn, 25 April 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

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April 28. 63. Prize Office salary bill, being "a list of the commissioners and subordinate officers of prizes in the port of London and out ports, according to the establishment approved of by the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lord High Treãr of Great Britain, with their annual salaries and what the same does amount unto from Lady Day 1708 to Christmas following." Dated 28 Apr. 1709. 1 *large page* (*the signatures torn away*).

April 28. 64. Order in Council on the petition of Sir George Barnwell, Bart., for leave to transfer his pension of 100*l.* a year to George Lowther, Esq., from whom he had borrowed a considerable sum; referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 28 Apr. 1709.

The petition mentioned. 2 *pages.*

April 29. 65. A. Hamilton to the Lord High Treasurer. Draws attention to the hardships he had met with in the sea service, and to an arrear due to him on the civil list of Scotland, which would be more acceptable then than at any other time. Would make a campaign in Flanders, since at present it was out of his power to serve at sea. Dated 29 April 1709. 3 *pages.*

April 29. 66. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the report of William Blathwayt, Esq., on the petition of George Muschamp, receiver of Potomack in Maryland, touching his transference from that receivership to that of "Patuxen" river, the duties arising from which were appropriated to the payment of the Governor's salary, and for purchasing arms and ammunition for the use of that province. Dated 29 April 1709.

Minuted:—"Agreed." With a warrant of the Lord High Treasurer at the foot approving thereof, and authorizing the Com^{rs} to issue their deputation. Dated 28 May 1709. Also the two documents above mentioned, and another letter which states that the duties were no ways cognizable by the Com^{rs} here. 4 *pages.*

April 30. 67. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. For payment out of the revenue of Ireland of 3*l.* per man as levy money for 540 men, to be raised by Sir John Wittewronge, Bart. Dated Dublin Castle, 30 April 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

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May 3. 1. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for an order that the arms, &c. of four regiments of foot might be passed duty free. Dated Dublin Castle, 3 May 1709.

Minuted:—"A w^{t} signed May 9th, 1709." 1 *page, quarto.*

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May 3. 2. Alexander Rigby to Mr Lowndes. Asked on behalf of his Scotch brethren the Lord Advocate's opinion upon a case (not now with this letter). Mr Greydon, the Receiver General, would not pay when only two commissioners signed. He (Mr Rigby) also prayed the Attorney General's opinion. Asked his (Mr Lowndes') favour for his cousin, Robert Rigby, to succeed his brother to a place of 50*l.* a year, for the Board had refused him. In short they were at shilly shally about the wine ship, and he (Rigby) was open and resolute. His cousin's father was deputy-governor of Chester Castle most of King Charles the IInd's time, and his mother came of a family of 3,000*l.* a year, she being Sir Thomas Clifton's sister. Dated Edinburgh, 3 May 1709.

Minuted:—"To be sent to the Attorney and Sollr Genll for their opinion." 3 *pages, quarto.*

May 4. 3. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on two papers touching the prize duty payable on Bordeaux wines "salved" out of a ship cast away on the coast of Sussex. The wines must be exported to foreign parts, first paying the salvage. Dated 4 May 1709.

The enclosures not now with it.

Minuted:—"10 May 1708 [*sic*]. My Lord concurrs in opinion with ye Comrs." 1 *page.*

May 5. 4. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of James Apthorpe, asking to be employed in the Excise. Advising against the same, as he was a person of very bad character, who had induced others to commit perjury, and had himself been prosecuted for subornation of perjury. Dated 5 May 1709.

Two enclosures. 3 *pages.*

[About May 5.] 5. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, deputy chamberlains for joining tallies in her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a warrant for payment for their labour.

Also a certificate relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

May 5. 6. Memorial touching the repayment of 2,000*l.* paid by the Comrs of Excise in North Britain to Mr Archibald Douglas. Dated 5 May 1705. 1 *page.*

May 5. 7. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the petition of the Lord Archibald Hamilton. Found that the offices of master forester and chief warden of the forest and chaces within the lordship of Barnard Castle, in the bishopric of Durham, and chief ranger of the forest of Teasdale and chace of Marwood, with the fees, profits, &c. were granted in the year 1672, to Charles Earl of Carlisle. About 1685, the same offices were directed to be granted during pleasure, to Sir William Bowes, Knt, after the Earl's death, and it did appear that they were in her Majesty's disposal. Saw no objection to granting the same to the petitioner during pleasure, or for 31 years. The lordship of Barnard Castle was

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granted to the city of London in fee, 4 Car. 1., with the exception of all forests, chaces, &c. The lead mines within the New Forest of Teasdale, and in Marwood chace, in 28 Car. II., were granted to Charles Earl of Carlisle. These mines were leased by Queen Elizabeth to Sir W^{m} Bowes in the 23rd year of her reign for 21 years, and from the expiration thereof were not wrought. It might be good service to grant the petitioner a term for 31 years, for searching and working these lead mines. Dated 5 May 1709. 3¼ *pages.*

May 7. 8. Copy of Commission appointing Thomas Witham, Esq., Commander-in-Chief of Forces accompanying the fleet in the expedition to reduce Canada and other places in America. Dated 7 May, 1709. 3¼ *pages.*

[? About May 7.] 9. Petition of Thomas Jones to the Lord High Treasurer. Served the crown several years, and the latter part under the Duke of Marlborough in the third troop of guards, but having some fortune left to him, quitted the guards. His "undertaking" then being in the island of Lundy, he was often robbed by the French privateers, and so was reduced to a mean condition. Prays to be appointed a tide waiter in the port of London.

On the dorse is what appears to be a minute, "7th May 1709. M^{r} Godfrey in M^{r} Compton's office." 1 *page.*

[About May 8.] 10. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Lewis Duterme, Lieut.-Col. of the train of artillery in Spain. Prays to be paid out of the contingencies of the army.

Encloses a report of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance.

Minuted :—"Read May 8." 2½ *pages.*

May 9. 11. W. Popple to W. Lowndes, Esq. Sending extracts of two letters from Brigadier Handasyd to the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations, relating to the galleons taken and destroyed by Captain Wager. Their L^{ps} had directed the Captain to transmit to them the best account he could of the value of the prizes. Dated 9 May 1709.

The extracts referred to, and an "Account of Commodore Wager's engagement with the Spanish galleons, &c." Dated at Jamaica the 17th of June 1708. 5½ *pages.*

May 9. 12. Lord Archibald Hamilton to [? M^{r} Lowndes]. Would give security if the Lord High Treasurer would order the payment of an arrear due to him on the civil list. Dated 9 May 1709.

Encloses an account of what was due. 2½ *pages.*

May 10. 13. Report of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Edward Stuart. Petitioner was an object of compassion, and his Lordship's favour might be extended to him by suspending the prosecution against him. Dated 10 May 1709. 1 *page.*

May 13. 14. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer, drawing attention to a previous memorial of 28 March, and praying his Lordship's directions thereon. Pressing applications were daily made to them by many distressed persons who had a right to prize money, and the captor's money was ready to be distributed. Dated 13 May 1709.

Minuted:—"See the Act 6° Anne for suppressing prize offices after 24 June 1708. See y^{e} Act 4 & 5^{o} W. ordering y^{e} disposicõn of prizes." 1 *page*.

May 13. 15. The Attorney (Mountague) and Solicitor General's (Eyre) opinion as to the number forming a quorum of the Com^{rs} of Customs in North Britain, together with the copy of Sir James Stewart's opinion. Subscribed by the former 13 May 1709. 2 *pages*.

May 13. 16. Copy of memorial of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking for 50,000*l.* to be forthwith issued to the treasurer of that office for sea service, and 77,000*l.* for land service. Giving also a detailed account of the sums necessary, as well as of what had been expended on fortifications. Dated 13 May 1709.

Minuted:—"12,000 land ser.
12,000 sea ser." 3 *pages*.

May 16. 17. The Attorney General (Mountague) to [? M^{r} Lowndes], asking for papers to be sent to him, relative to claims arising from the seizure of the ship Worcester.

Minuted:—"16th May 1709. These papers are already sent." 2 *pages*.

May 16. 18. Memorial of W. Whitfield to the Lord High Treasurer, on behalf of the marines under command of Major Kemp, consisting of 420 private men, besides officers, for their subsistence. Was very much pressed by the marine officers, especially those going for the West Indies, as also by the six marine clothiers for their clearings and off-reckonings. Dated Pay Office, 16 May 1709.

Minuted:—"23d May 1709. Read."

Letter from M^{r} Burchett and another report of M^{r} Whitfield and a state of the musters of the marines. 26 *pages*.

May 17. 19. Copy of a letter of the Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to M^{r} John Montgomerie, complaining of Sir Alexander Rigby's unruly temper and expressions; in fact there was just then a ferment over all the country against him, so that it was impossible he could propose a fixed residence there. They verily believed such an unruly and revengeful temper was never in any man, save one, who was most justly styled the common enemy of all mankind. This might be partly attributable to his losses and a flood of debts. Without all peradventure, the management of any revenue went on better, when under the inspection of those who could live as became such a trust. If he had sent up information or mis-information against them, they desired to be allowed to make answer thereto. Dated Edinburgh, 17 May 1709. 2 *pages*.

May 17. 20. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses extract from a letter from M^{r} Pulteney, the Queen's envoy at Copenhagen, concerning a present to the professor there, who made a funeral oration

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on the death of his late Royal Highness Prince George: asks his Lordship to report to her Majesty what was most proper to be done. Dated 17 May 1709.

Minuted:—" 30 May 1709. A warr. for 100li." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 17. 21. Memorial of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, asking payment of the incidents of their office. Dated 17 May 1709.

Also a bill of the incidents. 2 *pages.*

May 17. 22. Copy of report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of Katherine, widow of Sir William Russell, Bart., deceased, for continuance to her of the pension of 200*l.* per ann. granted to her husband: advising the grant. Dated Dublin Castle, 17 May 1709.

Burial certificate of Sir William Russell. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 1 1706–7 to May 18 1709. 23. Abstract of the accounts of Her Majesty's revenues arising in New York from 1 Feb. 1706–7 to 18 May 1709. Signed "Wm Blathwayt." 1 *page.*

May 19. 24. Report of the Comrs of Revenue (Ireland) on the petition of the Master and Wardens of the Corporation of Brewers and Maltsters of the city of Dublin, praying the same allowances as were made to the brewers of London. The Comrs had nothing to object to the English allowances being made. Dated Dublin, 19 May 1709. 3½ *pages.*

May 19. 25. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Sent petition of the brewers of Dublin as to their hardships. If the difficulties of this session had not been prevented by this method, there was a danger of cutting off a great part of H.M. hereditary revenue. His Lordship (the Lord High Treasurer) was no stranger to the dispute about the size of their gallon, but it was hardly to be imagined how great a party they had made. It would be for her Majesty's service to make the brewers the allowances asked, provided they quitted their pretensions of the gallon. Sent a draft of such an order as might be made. P.S.—There had not been one division or angry word this session in the House of Commons. He wished this might continue. Dated Dublin, 19 May 1709. 4 *pages.*

May 19. 26. John Lansdell [Deputy Treasurer of the Ordnance] to William Lowndes, Esq. Incloses list of the tallies remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ordnance. The Governor and Directors of the Bank of England were resolved not to meddle with these tallies, and no private person would purchase without either discount or interest. If not supplied before next post several thousand pounds in foreign bills of exchange would be sent back. Dated 19 May 1709.

The list mentioned.

Minuted:—" 20 May 1709. 20,000 land service, 20,000 sea service out of Exchequer bills." 2 *pages.*

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May 19. 27. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclosed some resolutions of the House of Commons upon which they had grounded an address in favour of M^r^ Benjamin Parry. Asked that her Majesty's commands on it might be sent to him. The office granted to Parry would be his ruin unless he were relieved. He was a man of merit and always steady to her Majesty's interest. The House had agreed unanimously to the address for this gentleman, who had been always most obnoxious to one sort of men. Dated Dublin, 19 May 1709.

Minuted:—"25 May 1709. Desire Lord Coningsby to be here to-morrow morn^g^."

The enclosure not now with it. 3 *pages.*

May 19. 28. Draft of the Queen's warrant for a grant of several offices at Hampton Court to Charles, Lord Halifax. Dated 19 May 1709. 10 *pages* (*brief size*).

May 19. 29. Order in Council declaring all sorts of corn bound to the enemies' country to be contraband, and prohibiting the export thereof. Dated 19 May 1709. 1 *page.*

May 21. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the question of the Earl of Leven, governor and constable of the Castle of Edinburgh, having his wine custom free. It was a matter fit only for the Lord Treasurer's decision. They had waited upon the Earl, having the utmost deference for his person and character, and his Lordship relied on the Lord Treasurer's goodness, wisdom, and generosity. Dated Edinburgh, 21 May 1709.

Also two presentments from them (1st) for M^r^ John Ogilby, late collector of Inverness, to be general riding surveyor from Inverness to Caithness, and thence to Fort William, and to have the inspection of the Islands of Orkney, Lewis, and Skye; and (2nd) for Alexander Blackstock to be the inspector for the Isle of Man, and from time to time to be on the coast of Galloway and Dumfries and elsewhere as the service might require. 3 *pages.*

May 24. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Samuel Low, a prisoner in the Fleet, praying to be discharged. Petitioner had been concerned in a very great fraud practised by officers in the London brewery, between them and the London brewers. Petitioner continued very obstinate and was not entitled to any favour or mercy. Dated 24 May 1709.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"30 May 1709. My Lord agrees with the report." 2 *pages.*

May 25. 32. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Pacy, Esq., heir and administrator to Samuel Pacy, deceased, late Receiver General of Suffolk, as to the sale of the estate of the receiver. Had no objection to the method proposed, but the Attorney General should be consulted. Dated Westm^r^, Agents Office, May 25, 1709.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

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May 27. 33. "Navy Office. An estimate of the wages due to her Majesty's yards and rope-yards for Lady-day quarter." Dated 27 May 1709. 1 *page.*

May 27. 34. Report of Mr J. Waters to the Lord High Treasurer on a representation of the Duke of Grafton that the Lord High Admiral had desired the Lord Treasurer's concurrence and allowance to enable the Duke, as Vice-Admiral of Suffolk, to prosecute in the Queen's name some persons who detained parcels of wine and other goods which they took up on the coast of Suffolk in the previous February. Certifies that great quantities of brandy and other goods were cast ashore there, within the Vice-Admiralty of the Duke. His Grace's servants endeavoured to recover what they could find, but the greatest part of the goods had been taken and claimed by one Mrs North, lady of the manor of Benacre, and she refused to give them up. Other lords of manors refused to give up other parts. In the grant of Queen Elizabeth of the manor of Benacre, the grant of wrecks was not mentioned, and so he presumed the right remained in the crown. Advises the prosecution at her Majesty's charge of the persons detaining the goods, to preserve the right of the crown and support the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, frequently invaded on such pretences. Dated 27 May 1709.

The memorial and three other papers.

Minuted:—"30 May 1709. Mr Borrett to inquire how this differs from that of the Duke of Bedford." 9 *pages.*

May 28. 35. Copy of memorial of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer pressing for further issue of money to their office. Dated 28 May 1709.

Also an account of what money was necessary. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 36. The Lord Chamberlain (Marquis of Kent) to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for an order for 300*l.* to be paid to Sir Charles Cotterell, master of the ceremonies, to be presented to Count Bergamy, envoy extraordinary from the Duke of Modena, who is about departing. Dated 30 May 1709. 1 *page.*

May 30. 37. William Wogan to Mr Lowndes, reminding him of a petition of Mr Lathum, collector of Lisburn in Ireland, which had lain in the office above a year and a half, and was particularly recommended by Mr Southwell. The petition was as to an appointment of Mr Ethelred Wogan to the first vacancy as a collector of revenue, in consideration of his losses at the fire of Lisburn (amounting to about 1,000*l.*). His proportion of the money collected by the brief in both kingdoms would hardly answer 2*s.* 6*d.* in the pound. Dated Spring gardens, 30 May 1709.

The petition referred to, and copy of the petition and a certificate, with numerous signatures. 3 *pages.*

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June 1. 38. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the Prussian minister, about wines to be imported from Switzerland. Dated 1 June 1709.

Minuted:—Read 16 June 1709. 1 *page.*

[About June 1.] 39. Petition of David Burton of Edinburgh, glazier, to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays payment for glazing work at the palace of Holyrood House and the Castle of Edinburgh.

Also the items of the accounts. An attestation to one of the accounts is dated 1 June 1709.

Minuted:—"The Barons of the Exchequer desire to examine these bills and to represent thereupon, what method should be taken about these repaires and other necessarys, w^{ch} before the Union used to be p̃d by ord^{rs} of y^{e} Trỹ of Scotland." 5 *pages.*

[About June 1.] 40. Memorial of M^{r} Semple to the Lord High Treasurer. The Assembly of the Church in North Britain had appointed him to write and publish an ecclesiastical history of the Christian religion from its first plantation in Scotland, and had memorialised her Majesty for her royal bounty to enable him to perfect the work. Her Majesty had referred the memorial to the Lord High Treasurer. M^{r} Semple had written the history as far as the Reformation in 1560, and had expended 300*l.* in purchasing some and transcribing other MSS., charters and ancient records. Had expended 170*l.* in travelling to the Universities of Great Britain, in transcribing records from the Cottonian Library, and other public and private libraries in England; and had expended 20*l.* for transcribing Acts of the Assembly since the Reformation, the "principals" being burnt at Edinburgh. 200*l.* more would be necessary for transcribing records for completing the modern history, and he would be put to the charge of 100*l.* and more in travelling to divers places for collecting full materials for finishing the work. The publication would amount to 400*l.* Intended to have the history in the press next summer.

Minuted:—"1 June 1709. If he will promise y^{t} the Queen shalbe at no further expence in y^{t} matter, my Lord will move her Ma^{ty} to pay him 300^{l}." 1 *page.*

June 2. 41. Copy of patent appointing Sir David Dalrymple, of Hales, Knight Baronet, to be Queen's advocate for Scotland, during pleasure, with a salary of 1,000*l.* per ann. Certified as a true copy, 2 June 1709. 1½ *pages.*

June 2. 42. Order in Council on consideration of the appeal of Thomas Barrow, late of the Island of Bermudas, from a judgment given against him for words alleged to have been spoken against the government there, for which he was fined 40*l.*: referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 2 June 1709. 1¼ *pages (a small piece torn out).*

June 3. 43. Recommendation of Lieut. Denny for half-pay by the House of Commons (Ireland). 3 June 1709. 1 *page.*

June 3. 44. Two certificates of Robert Sedgwick as to plate standing on the books of the jewel house, as delivered (1st) to the late Earl of

Sunderland, lord chamberlain of King William's household, and (2nd), to the R^{t} Hon. the late Earl of Faversham, lord chamberlain of Katherine, late Queen of England. Dated 3 June 1709. 2 *pages.*

June 4. 45. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's pleasure was, that stores amounting to 13,071*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* should be shipped. Enclosed estimate in order that his Lordship might order the money. The office was placed under great difficulties by performing so many extraordinary services this year, for which there was no money given by Parliament or otherwise. Asked for further advances. Dated 4 June 1709. 3 *pages.*

June 6. 46. M. Van Vryberge to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks that orders might be given for a pension of 30*l.* per ann. to the son of M^{r} La Motte, a merchant and citizen of Rotterdam, as a recompence for his father's service, and in accordance with her Majesty's wishes, the father having detected the treacherous correspondence of Gregg, who was executed. Dated London, June, $\frac{6}{17}$ 1709.

Minuted :—" 6 June 1709, w^{t} on M^{r} Compton's office." 1¼ *pages.*

June 7. 47. Copy of memorial of Ro[bert] Handasyde to the Earl of Sunderland, for an allowance to be made to him for coming on a mission from her Majesty's Consul at Algiers, concerning the seizure and carrying into that place of several English ships without Admiralty passes; and for taking her Majesty's answer to the Dey. Dated 7 June 1709. 1 *page.*

June 9. 48. The Earl of Cromartie to the Lord High Treasurer. It seemed by several occurrences that the Court of Justiciary was under some adverse constellation; yet he dared presume it was as loyal to her Majesty, as useful to the Government, as solicitous of what might cement Britain for common good, as acceptable to the whole nation, and as much conducing to the increase of the mutual love and trust betwixt prince and people as any other jurisdiction or office, and with as little or less expense as any other court or office. Besides it was the court before which the greatest concerns of prince and people were judged. There was no doubt that the laws, forms, and proceedings needed rectification, both with respect to the national good of North Britain and to further union. And these might with little difficulty be adjusted by the next sessions of Parliament. Dated Edinburgh, 9 June 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 10. 49. The Earl of Essex to the Lord High Treasurer. Reminds his Lordship of Col. Wauchope's arrear of 40*s.* a week allowed by her Majesty for his subsistence during his imprisonment at the Tower, and asks payment. Dated 10 June 1709. 1 *page.*

June 10. 50. Report of the Com^{rs} for salt duties to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^{r} Samuel Schmettau, who states that a better method of boiling salt might be adopted, and the salt being made at less charge might be afforded at lower rates, which would occasion a salt trade with foreign parts and thus prejudice the French salt, to the advantage of her Majesty's subjects, by increasing the consumption of coal, by improving trade and navigation, and by importing foreign coin for home bred commodities. They had considered the Attorney General's report thereon, who considered the petitioner was the inventor of this new method, and was entitled to letters patent for the sole use of his invention. The Com^{rs} approved of the encouragement of the petitioner, but the improvement might increase the strength of the salt and much prejudice the revenue. Dated 10 June 1709.

Minuted:—"A copy of this report to be d̄d to M^{r} Schmettau." There is also this memorandum:—"The originall pet^{n} and M^{r} Attorney's rep^{t} were given the pet^{r} to carry back to M^{r} Sc̄ry Boyl's office 20 June 1709." 1 *page*.

June 11. 51. John Lansdell to William Lowndes, Esq., asking him to remind the Lord High Treasurer of the pressing necessities of the Ordnance Office. The artificers were two years in arrear without allowance of interest. Dated 11 June 1709. 1 *page*.

June 11. 52. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. From what his L^{p} wrote, his Excell^{y} expected further orders in relation to the brewers and the officers of the House of Lords. Had communicated to M^{r} Parry what his L^{p} wrote concerning him, who seemed to think it impossible to continue in his office unless consideration were had of him upon the address of the House of Commons. M^{r} Parry had put his case in writing, which his Excell^{cy} had sent to the Earl of Sunderland to be shown to the L^{d} Treasurer. The hopes of peace being delayed, presumed his L^{p} had given directions for raising Sir Jo. Wittewrong's regiment. A great many there had set their minds on it. Asked that her Majesty's directions might be given that more general officers might be put on the establishment. Had written to M^{r} Walpole on account of a company wanting in the youngest regiment. The increased charge would be very well borne and very well liked, the people there not being very solicitous what they paid, so that it were spent amongst themselves. Dated Dublin, 11 June 1709. 7 *pages*.

June 13. 53. Thomas Foulerton to the Lord High Treasurer. The Duke of Queensberry and Lord Seafield had told him what his Lordship had said in relation to him. Intended to go into Essex, and settle some matters that he might be at his Lordship's call. Dated George Street, York Buildings, 13 June 1709.

Minuted:—"A w^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page*.

June 14. 54. The Earl of Glasgow to [? M^{r} Lowndes]. Thanks him for all his kind favours, particularly to his brother, M^{r} Boyle, who is one of the Com^{rs} of Customs in the port of Edinburgh. Is infinitely obliged to the L^{d} High Treasurer. The Assembly money may be remitted to him. Dated Edinburgh 14 June 1709. 1 *page*.

June 18. 55. Copy of report of J. Brydges and R. Walpole to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Col. Andrew Bissett, one of the captains of her Majesty's Coldstream regiment of foot guards. The petitioner was at the battle of Almanza, commander-in-chief of that

1709. battalion, and took under his care two other companies, and made up the accounts of their subsistence. To recruit these companies he put on board a man-of-war, commanded by Captain Elwes, 400*l.* and his plate and equipage, to the value of 600*l.*, to be brought to England; but Captain Elwes being detached for Lisbon put the same on board Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell's ship, which was unfortunately lost on the rocks at Scilly. They were of opinion he ought to be relieved as to the 400*l.*; but left the consideration of the baggage to his Lordship. Dated 18 June 1709.

Minuted:—"31 Jan. 1710. Ref. to the Comptrollers of the Army accounts." 1½ *pages.*

June 18. 56. Bishop of London to the Lord Treasurer. Asked for 20*l.* to be given to the bearer, Mr William Rudd, who some time since returned from Jamaica, where he was chaplain, and now wished to rejoin his parishioners. Dated Fulham, 18 June 1709.

Minuted:—"1 July 1709. My Lord says this is a bad precedt, and therefore orders it to be paid out of her Mats sec. ser. mo. But my Lord ye Bp of Londo is to acquainted wth my Lord Trer's request, that he will write no more lres of this kind." 1 *page, quarto.*

June 21. 57. T. Byerley to "My Lord." Had given an account of the arrival of his Excellency Lord Lovelace who had since died on the 6th of last month. Col. Ingoldesby, the Lieut. Governor had taken upon himself the government. Was necessitated to state his own hardships and the injustice done him. Lord Cornbury had continued to treat him with resentment, by arrests, &c., to compel him to quit his employment, and in Oct. last suspended him a second time, and obliged him to retire into the next province until Lord Lovelace reinvested him. His Lp's death and no provision having been made for the debts of the province, had involved him in new difficulties; and at present the new Governor, influenced by Lord Cornbury, seemed disposed to pursue the former methods to suppress every one with whom they were disgusted, and he was daily threatened to be suspended a third time. His duty had obliged him to obey his Lp's (? the Ld Treasurers) commands which were disagreeable to the Governor. Dated New York, 21 June 1709. 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 22. 58. Copy of letter of appointment, by the Lord High Treasurer, of Lionel Herne and Samuel Edwards, gentlemen, to have money or bills imprested to them for raising or discharging interest growing due and payable on the Exchequer bills, at a salary for themselves and clerks of 500*l.* per ann. Dated 22 June 1709.

Also orders to be observed, as well by the officers of the receipt of her Maty's Exchequer, in and about the issuing, paying, and accounting for the Exchequer bills, that are or shall be issued by and in pursuance of the Act lately passed in Parliament (entitled an Act for enlarging the capital stock of the Bank of England, &c.) as by the officer or officers to be appointed by the Lord High Treasurer, for paying the interest to be allowed on such of the bills as shall be re-issued by the tellers of the Exchequer. 4½ *large pages.*

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June 24. 59. A state or estimate of the debts owing to the civil list on the 24th of June 1709.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2 *pages*.

June 24. 60. Report of the Attorney General (Mountague) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had prepared a warrant for the sale of the estate of Samuel Pacey, Esq., late receiver general of taxes for Suffolk, who died indebted to her Majesty. Dated 24 June 1709. 1 *page*.

June 25. 61. Richard Norton to the Lord High Treasurer. Since coming to town to wait on his Lordship, had been taken with a fever and could not see him. Asked his Lordship to pay the residue of their bounty money forthwith; to order Mr Solicitor Borrett to prosecute Henry Read and Joan Saunders for intrusion on the Queen's waste in the Forest [? Bere, *see* Vol. CXV., No. 2]; and that his Lordship would get the Queen to sign the warrant to him about hunting (buck season just coming in). Further asked his Lordship to respite sending to the Bishop of Winton, because the Bishop's secretary had been with him (Mr Norton) about the affair. If without prejudicing the queen's rights of forest, he could end it he would save his Lordship further trouble. Dated 25 June [1709 on the back]. 3 *pages, quarto.*

June 27. 62. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. Had read Sir Soloman Medina's pretensions for his extraordinary charges to "my lord duke," who had written to Sir Solomon to transmit all his vouchers to his son, that he might attend Mr Lowndes, in order to have them laid before the Lord High Treasurer. His Grace directed him (Mr Cardonnel) to add that the claim was solely on the Queen, and that this and other claims for the last year's service on that side would not amount to the 50m*l*. given by Parliament. They began their siege last night pretty successfully; but he adds, "Our poor men are like to suffer extremely by the unseasonable weather." Dated Camp before Tournay, the 8 July 1709 [N.S.], *i.e.*, 27 June. 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 30. 63. Report of T. Baker and Wm Gosselin to the Lord High Treasurer. Detail the efforts they have made to carry out his Lordship's instructions for the prosecution of Admiral Wager (commodore), Captain Long who commanded the expedition, Captain Windsor, who commanded the Portland, and others, concerned in taking a Spanish galleon in the West Indies, in which there appears to have been a vast treasure. Dated Prize Office, 30 June 1709.

Enclosed is a copy of various informations. 13 *pages*.

June 30. 64. A. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. The Duke desired the Lord High Treasurer to be acquainted that he never encouraged the drawing from Amsterdam or Antwerp, but upon the greatest emergencies; as the money wanting for the new corps of Prussians for the augmentation of the Saxon troops and for the forage for the Imperialists required an immediate supply, his Grace thought it could be no prejudice to allow the drawing upon England for what was then so absolutely necessary, but would be more cautious for the future; and he (Mr Cardonnel) had signified his Grace's directions to Mr Sweet and Mr Cartwright, not to draw hereafter upon any pretence whatsoever without the Lord Treasurer's orders. His Grace prayed Mr Lowndes to lay the enclosed letter from Col. Cavalier before his Lordship. If he should think fit to send such a small sum as proposed, to encourage the Sevenois, the speediest method would be to give directions in it to the Marquis Darselliers in Geneva. Dated Camp before Tournay, 11 July 1709 [N.S., *i.e.*, 30 June].

Minuted:—"Read 11 July 1709. My Lord orders that for the better p̃venting the drawing of bills from Holland by Mr Sweet or Cartwright, but what shall be judged absolutely necry by the D. of M., a copy shall be sent from time to time to Mr Cardonel of all the directions at ye Trỹ for ye troops in Flanders. Capt. Geoffry Gibbons 150*li.* ꝑ ann." 2 *pages, quarto.*

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[June or July.] 1. Memorial of the Comrs of Works to the Lord High Treasurer showing the amount of debt in their office. ? June or July 1709. ½ *page.*

July 1. 2. Richard Norton to Mr Taylor. Had no copy of Lord Scarborough's warrant there, but he was to have three brace of bucks yearly during his life out of the forest of Bere. The warrant in Mr Lowndes' hands would not interfere with Lord Scarborough's warrant at all, but was purely for the Queen's service, and the forest would be lost without it. They would lose the benefit of the warrant if it were not signed quickly. Lord Scarborough's hunting did a vast prejudice to the forest. He (Mr Norton) would have all other hunting stopped if his Lordship's must not be. He could let things go on at any rate, and not be found fault with by the borderers, because they would have their full pleasure at her Majesty's cost; but would do his duty honestly and represent what he knew. Wished he could have the warrant signed so as to carry it with him, because that was the very time to begin the cure. Hoped the Queen would be sensible how unfair a thing his Lordship desired of her, and revoke it, or at least tie him up from hunting. They would serve him with the deer and save them in other people, provided he might not hunt. It was that which destroyed their little forest, and drove all the deer to the devil, whence they scarce ever returned, but were waylaid and killed, besides being all surfeited with being so driven in the hot weather. Would much rather her Majesty should disafforest them, than see her right and her deer made use of only for the spoil and sport of her subjects, for it lessened the crown too much in his poor opinion. All he desired was to preserve the prerogative, and thought he was bound to do it. Dated 1 July 1709.

Copy of the warrant which was desired to be signed. 4½ *pages.*

July 2. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Trench, Esq., and the papers annexed thereto. Petitioner was solicitor in the late court before the judges appointed to hear and determine the claims of such as pretended to the benefit of the articles of Limerick, and discharged the same with diligence, &c. Certifying as to his claims in connection with that office. They were of opinion that he deserved for his own care and diligence 80*l.* a year, being the usual salary to solicitors in like cases in lieu of fees, and for his clerks 15*s.* a week. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 2 July 1709.

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

July 4. 4. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sent report of the Com^rs^ of revenue on the petition of Hannah Griffith, widow, [whose husband was collector for Sligo, and was a debtor to the crown]. Dated Dublin Castle, 4 July 1709.

The report, recommending her as an object of compassion, two petitions, an affidavit, and a certificate.

Minuted :—" To be laid before y^e^ Q." 6 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

July 4. 5. The same to the same. Again recommending the extremely necessitous case of the Earl of Roscommon, and asking that it might be laid before her Majesty for her compassion. Dated Dublin Castle, 4 July 1709. 1 *page.*

July 4. 6. The Lord Advocate (Sir David Dalrymple) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Some overtures on behalf of the merchants concerned in the wines lately seized would come by this flying packet. Term was at hand, and if the trials came on, matters could not be so easily adjusted afterwards. Was sensible of the mischief of importing prohibited goods, especially of the growth of France, but as there was less observation there last year, he feared the merchants were deeply concerned, and a vigorous prosecution would certainly ruin a good many of them if found in the wrong. This would affect the trade and revenue, and the people would universally complain. If what was proposed might take place this inconvenience would be avoided, and the ease coming from his Lordship, by the interposition of the Lord Chief Baron and others, hearty well-wishers to the public good and zealous for her Majesty's service, it might beget in the minds of the people a better opinion still of the Union, and a greater confidence in those entrusted with the administration of justice, in affairs concerning revenue, and in the managers of the customs. The complaints of the populace were not always to be regarded, neither were they to be contemned. There would be no small difficulty to bring the trials to a good issue for the Crown. If the juries began to baulk it would draw on more difficulties. Dated Edinburgh, 4 July 1709. 3 *pages, quarto.*

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July 5. 7. The Earl of Seafield to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclosed a memorial from the merchants concerned in the wines lately imported. The merchants reckoned that what they had done could not be challenged, because the wine was brought from Spain in Spanish casks and by Spanish clearances, and imported in so open a manner that there were 800 tuns seized. They were resolved in future to follow no method of trade but what was plainly warranted by law. If the matter came to trial one of two inconveniences must happen. If the merchants were acquitted by the juries this method would be continued and the wines would be carried into South Britain. The other inconveniency was, that if the wines were condemned it would be an insupportable loss to the trading part of the country, and the enemies to the Union would say it was designed to ruin trade. If his Lordship judged it expedient the Com^rs of Customs or Barons of the Exchequer would find some method whereby the customs might be well paid, and the merchants not ruined. Dated Edinburgh, 5 July 1709.

The memorial referred to, and a letter from Mr. Baron Smith, approving of the method suggested in the memorial for ending the disputes, by the merchants paying 4*l.* a tun more than the Spanish duty, and giving security that the wines should not be sent into England. Dated 4 July 1709. 4 *pages*, (3 *quarto*).

July 5. 8. John Smith to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Was six years employed as muster master "depute" of the forces, and observed abuses and malversations committed by M^r Bruce, muster master general, and represented the same to King William. The Treasury had neglected to report. In 1704 he laid his complaint before a committee appointed by Parliament, and he made it appear that the Government was defrauded of 12,000*l.* A tenth part was promised him, but he was put off with a general recommendation from Parliament to the Queen. Asked that the Barons there might be directed to try the case, and if judgment were given for the Crown that he might receive the reward. Dated Edinburgh, 5 July 1709.

On the dorse is:—"The Barons are of opinion that the general pardons in Scotland have discharged Bruce, so that nothing is to be recovered from him. But the petitioner having been att a great deal of trouble is recommended to y^r L^dship's bounty."

Minuted:—"Read 18^th Sep^r 1710. My Lords cannot advise her Ma^ty to be at any expence in a matter by w^ch she can now receive no benefit." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

July 5. 9. Report of the Com^rs of Stamps on the petition of Catherine Countess Dowager of Bellamont, [then married to Capt. Caldwall], asking that her late husband's accounts might be ordered to be stated, and that until then the Com^rs of Stamps might put a stop to their suit on a bond for which her late husband was responsible. The real estate of her late husband was all in Ireland, and some salt fats at Droitwich, of little or no value. The estate was subject to a rent charge of 400*l.* to the petitioner. The petitioner had possessed herself of the personal estate, but could render no account of it, being obliged by Lord Cornbury's severity to leave New York privately. Petitioner claimed a debt of about 1,000*l.* due to the late Earl, from her Majesty, out of which they would pay what was due on the bond. The Com^rs asked directions before proceeding in the suit. Dated 5 July 1709.

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

July 5. 10. Jo. Taylour to M^r Chetwynd. By command of the Lord High Treasurer acknowledged the receipt of his (M^r Chetwynd's) letter from Turin. His Lordship was very well assured that a considerable sum of money had arrived with the fleet for the army, and would see that the bills which were already drawn were accepted and paid, yet M^r Chetwynd need not draw any more. Dated 5 July 1709. 1¼ *pages.*

July 5. 11. Com^rs of Customs, Scotland, to the Hon. W^m Lowndes, Esq. As to an accommodation with merchants concerned in cargoes of wine seized, about which there was some question. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 5 July 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 6. 12. The Earl of Gallway to the Lord High Treasurer. Importuning his Lordship on behalf of poor widows who had lately lost their husbands in the Queen's service. Major de Vignoles, blown up at Alicant, had left a wife (the Earl's near relation), and three small children. Mons. de Bette, lieut. in his regiment of horse, was killed in the ship taken and carried into Brest. Major Bruyere, Lieut. Boncour, and Ensign Talquier, three of the officers of his regiment, who were killed on board the Assurance, also left widows, and two of them children. Dated Lisbon, 6 July 1709 [? if N.S., 25 June]. 3 *pages, quarto.*

July 12. 13. Report of the Com^rs of the Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Wharton). Had previously reported on a memorial of the Duke of Ormond for an extension of the term of contract, for the prizage and butlerage in Ireland, and saw nothing to vary their opinion, which was in favour of the extension. Dated 12 July 1709. 2 *pages.*

July 12. 14. The Earl of Glasgow to ———. Is informed by a friend in London that the Lord Treasurer inclines to allow him (the Earl) 500*l.* only, for the last Assembly. Had 700*l.* for the last, and Lord Rosse had 700*l.* in advance when he came down from London, and no one had made the journey to keep the Assembly for less. Is the only person who ever advanced his own money to keep the Assembly, and has not saved a farthing of his 700*l.* on the last occasion. Asks that this may be laid before Mr. "Tailior" as he would do him (the Earl) all the kindness he could. He (the Earl) is very modest in asking money for himself, and will be satisfied with what the Lord Treasurer may do. Dated Edinburgh, 12 July 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

? About July 15. 15. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^r Pauncfort, who was a creditor of M^r Palmes, a teller of the Exchequer: were not satisfied to order any payment out of the present pension.

Minuted:—"Read 15 July 1709. My Lord saies this being the case of severall other of Mr Palmes's credrs who are now suing of him, his Lp can give no direction therein." 2½ *pages.*

July 18. 16. Orders given to Mr Mackay in relation to the packet boats between England and Ostend during the campaign, to carry expresses from the Duke of Marlborough. Three postillions to be employed between Ostend and Lisle. Mr Jaupain proposed to send all the ordinary letters from the army to Ostend gratis, and to carry all his Grace's by his postillion's express, at the charge of the country. Dated 18th July 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 20. 17. Certified copy of report of the principal officers of the Mint as to certain claims for the coinage in Scotland. Dated "Mint Office, the 20th July 1709." 1 *page.*

July 21. 18. Mr Foot Onslow to the Hon. Willm Lowndes, Esq. Asks him to promote the interests of the widow Burrish with the Ld High Treasurer, to whom she had presented a petition. Dated 21 July 1709. 1 *page.*

July 23. 19. "Auditors state of the bishops rents in North Britain, dated 23 July 1709, transmitted to my Lord Treãr by ye Barons."

Also, "Report anent the state of the Bishops rents," signed John Philip and Robert Arbuthnot. Dated Edinburgh, 23 July 1709. 2 *large pages and* 2 *smaller ones.*

July 23. 20. Report of the Comrs of Customs "to the Rt Hon. the Lords of the Council, appointed a committee to consider of the bills lately transmitted from Ireland," viz., upon an act for encouraging the exportation of corn. They propose that in time of war, when the officers believe the corn is designed to be carried to the enemy, security shall be taken from the exporter, &c. Dated 23 July 1709.

Annexed is "a comparison of the prices and bounty allowed on the exportation of corn from Ireland and England." 3 *pages.*

July 23. 21. Report of the Comrs for Victualling the Navy to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr William Penn, proprietor and governor of Pennsylvania, in behalf of several merchants there. They (the Comrs) had heard what the proposers had to offer for furnishing the ships of war in the West Indies with provisions, and had received tenders from them; but the prices were higher than those generally paid by their agent in Jamaica, and their advice was not to accept a contract. Dated 23 July 1709.

The memorial, also copy of a report of the [Comrs of Trade] on the proposition of the above William Penn, Esq., to surrender to the crown his proprietary government of Pennsylvania, &c. Their opinion was that his claims to privileges, immunities, and liberties were capable of being extended to the diminution of the Royal prerogative; and if voluntarily surrendered, would be of great benefit: and amongst other results would be the more speedy and impartial administration of justice to all persons, tho' under different persuasions in religious matters. It appeared to them that Mr Penn with great expense, many risks and dangers, both to his person and fortune, with continued pains and industry, and by his personal interest, had accomplished a very difficult undertaking, by cultivating and improving what before was a desolate wilderness, into a well peopled colony, and so had impaired his fortune and had not had time to reap the profits. His surrender ought to be absolute and unconditional, but they left the quantum to be paid him to her Majesty's grace and goodness. Dated 5 Feb. 1706–7. 7 *pages.*

Before July 25. 22. Petition of Mr William Grimes to the Lord Treasurer for allowance to be made him for copies of records and for inrolling the catalogue of the Cotton Library.

Minuted thus:—"Ordered by the Lrẽs patt dt [dormant]." Before 25 July 1709. See *Money Book,* Vol. XX., p. 85, where this claim was allowed. 2 *pages.*

July 27. 23. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. The enclosed petition of Capt. James Roch (who had done great and eminent services at Londonderry) had been laid before the Queen, who was sensible of his services and necessitous condition, and desired his Lordship to settle a pension on him. Dated 27 July 1709.

The petition, the report of the Attorney General (Ireland), and the letter of the Lord Lieutenant.

The report is *minuted:*—"Read 10th Aug. 1709. My Lord will move the Queen to allow him 200li a year in Ireland during pleasure." 6 *pages.*

July 30. 24. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. Wm Lowndes, Esq. Enclose an abstract of the quantities of herrings, salmon, wet and dry cod fish, beef, and pork exported from Scotland, cured with foreign salt imported before the Union, together with the number of debentures granted at each port, and the money due thereon. Dated Edinburgh, 30 July 1709.

Another abstract which was enclosed is not now with it. 2 *pages.*

July. 25. Comrs of the Navy to J. Taylor, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. Respecting Mr Harnage's application for an advance, by way of imprest, for the slop clothes issued to H.M. Navy. The supplies exceeded his receipts by 44,553*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.* Dated July 1709. 2 *pages* (*torn*).

[? July.] 26. Petition to the Queen from Peter Brocas, Clerk, in behalf of his daughter Mary, the widow of Captain Paul Robert Lamouline, and Anthoinette, David, and Gillette, her children. In the year 1688 the captain left Holland, where he had a pension, to attend King William into England; served in the war in Ireland, and since in Flanders; was at the descent of Cammaret Bay "as captain of the wool packs." Was afterwards captain of artillery under the Earl of Gallway in Savoy, and obtained a pension on the Irish establishment of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, which he had until the expedition under Earl Rivers, when he was one of the four engineers for that service who had their pensions continued. The regiment being reduced, he lost his company and served only as engineer, whereby his widow was not entitled to the provision made for widows of officers killed in Spain. Was, further, at the battle of Almanza, where he lost his equipage and all he was worth, and being afterwards detached to Tortosa with Col. Petit, to fortify the place, he received several wounds in the late siege there, whereof he died.

[This was transmitted to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland on 5 Aug. 1709. The Lord High Treasurer's letter and the warrant granting 2*s.* 6*d.* a day pension are in the *Irish Book,* Vol. VI., p. 100.] 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 1.] 27. Petition of Thomas Addison and David Elder, late Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, and for exchanging prisoners of war, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of their disbursements.

Minuted :—"1st Augt 1709. This acct has had all due consideration and allowce, and unless the ballance be speedily answered process to issue." 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 28. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Earl of Sunderland. Asks him to desire the Lord High Treasurer to move her Majesty to order a warrant for putting Lieut. D'André (wounded in Portugal) on the list of French pensioners on the Irish establishment. Lieut. Jean Bonabell, a pensioner, has been ordered to go to Portugal in place of Lieut. D'André. Dated Dublin Castle, 2 Aug. 1709.

Minuted :—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 29. The same to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the petition and papers of Richard Butler, of the town of Rosse, merchant, and had referred the same to the Comrs of Revenue, who had reported thereon. Agreed with them, that the petitioner was an object for royal favour, and deserved a respit from further prosecution of him and his security until he should clear the debt of 741*l.* odd due to her Majesty. Dated 2 Aug. 1709.

The petitioner had experienced great losses in ships, cargoes, &c.

The papers referred to.

Minuted :—"Agree wth ye report of ye C. of ye Revenue." 14 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Aug. 5.] 30. Petition of all the battalion of the foot guards taken at the battle of Almanza to the Lord High Treasurer for four months and 20 days' subsistence due to them.

Minuted :—"5 Augt 1709. To Mr Brydges and Mr Walpole," with a note on the back that it was referred to the Paymaster and to the Secretary at War on 10 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 6. 31. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the executors of the late Lord Dovor, and on Mr Auditor Jett's report thereon. Did not find that the Act of 1 Anne, for preserving the land revenues, would obstruct the petitioners in perfecting the contract, heretofore made with the late Earl of St Albans, for the sale of the fee farm rents reserved to the crown on

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the granting several slips of ground in St James's fields to the late Earl of St Albans by King Charles II. in the 17th year of his reign, and contracted for on 17 June 1676. All the money contracted for had been paid to the crown, tho' the conveyances which ought to have been made by the trustees for sale of fee farm rents were never executed. Advised that new letters of privy seal should be passed, &c. Dated 6 Aug. 1709.

The report, petition, and the copy of a privy seal connected with the same. 7 *pages*.

Aug. 7. 32. G. Granville and J. Brydges to Thomas Harley, Esq. The pay due to Mr Thomas Castle, late Commissary of Stores in Spain, should be satisfied out of the savings of the contingencies or otherwise upon the establishment of Spain for the year 1708. Dated 7 Aug. 1709. 2 *pages*.

Aug. 10. 33. The Corporation of the Trinity House to the Comrs of the Navy, enclosing a copy of their brethren's late survey of the Frith of Forth, Leith harbour, Burnt Island, Queen's Ferry, Alloa, Inverkithing, and Morrison's Haven. Dated Trinity House, 10 Aug. 1709.

The copy of survey referred to, which includes an estimate of works proposed to be carried out.

The map, which is frequently referred to, is not now forthcoming. 9½ *pages*.

Aug. 12. 34. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Fausset, Esq., Receiver General for the co. of Kent, for transference of a sum overpaid to another of his accounts. Dated 12 Aug. 1709.

The petition referred to, and a certificate. 2½ *pages*.

Before Aug. 13. 35. " An estimate for ye present making ye road more passable betwixt Dorchet [? Datchett] Bridg & Colebrooke Road Augst 1709." [Prepared by] Michael Studholme.

Minuted:—" Order'd 13 Aug. 1709." 1 *page*.

Aug. 15. 36. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Was informed that the Lord High Treasurer had not received her Majesty's commands on his (the Lord Lieut.'s) reports on various petitions, because he had not named the sums he thought reasonable, leaving it to his Lordship's consideration. As his Lordship desired it, his Excellency thought 150*l*. a year should be added to the Earl of Roscommon's pension, and that 60*l*. a year should be given to Mrs Griffith, 5*s*. a day to Capt. Peltier (having been a captain of horse), and 2*s*. a day each to the widows of La Chapelle and Brucevale. Dated Dublin Castle, 15 Aug. 1709.

Minuted:—" Wt signed." 1½ *pages*.

Aug. 15. 37. J. Burchett (Admiralty) to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Encloses extract of a letter from Mr Christie of Bergen in Norway, relating to a clandestine trade between North Britain, Norway, and France, to be communicated to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 15 Aug. 1709.

The extract mentioned. 2 *pages, quarto*.

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Aug. 16. 38. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty desired that directions should be given to remit 20,000 livres to Geneva, to support the people in arms in the Cevennes and the "Vivarets," as her Majesty's proportion of the expense in conjunction with the States General. Dated 16 Aug. 1709.

Minuted :—"Read 22th Augst 1709. Orders were given on this on Friday last." 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 19. 39. The same to the same. By H.M. command transmits, for his report thereon, a letter from his Excy Lord Wharton, together with a letter from Lieut. Genl Palmes in favour of Mons. de St Hippolite, desiring to be put upon the establishment of Ireland for half pay as Lieut. Col. Dated Whitehall, 19 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 19. 40. Report of the auditors (E. Harley and A. Maynwaring) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the abstract of the payments made by Charles Fox, Esq., in his final account, as Paymaster of the Forces abroad, for which vouchers were wanting.

The last clause is as to his cravings for the charge of his office, and is *minuted* :—"To be allowed for the first two years, as he craves in full for all past and future pretentions of this kind." Dated 19 Aug. 1709.

Accompanied by a letter from Mr Fox and three other papers.

There is a minute on the back of the paper of 22 Sept. 1709 to the effect that the auditors were directed to prepare the draft of a privy seal for the allowance sought. 10 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 41. Wm Hamill to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for assistance to keep him out of trouble from his creditors. Dated Windsor, 22 Aug. 1709.

Minuted :—"If it should be reasonable to grant him any pencõn for the trouble & service he has done & been at, let him make a petñ for that purpose, and his Lp will ref. it to my Lord Lt." 1 *page.*

Aug. 23. 42. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Captain Lodowick Cathcart. The bounty of 3*s.* a day upon the establishment, if granted, would be well bestowed on the petitioner. Dated Dublin Castle, 23 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 24. 43. An account of payments made in England out of their subsistence to several officers of Her Maties forces, who were prisoners in France; from the respective times to which they were paid abroad, to the 24th of August 1709. 6 *pages.*

[About Aug. 25.] 44. T. Jervoise to the Lord [High Treasurer ?]. Was "keeper for lives" under the Bishop of Winchester, of a chace called Havant Thicket. The Bishop had constantly claimed and enjoyed the privilege of running what deer were found in the Bishop's chace into the forest of East Bere, and it was never disputed until two years before, when Mr Norton denied it. Had searched the records at the Tower and carried copies of the charters to Sir Peter King, who assured him he had good right to hunt, whereupon he offered to try the matter at law. Since that, had enjoyed the right; but now had a warrant from the Queen forbidding his hunting there. Mr Norton, by virtue thereof, had again forbidden him, and he had again offered to try it. Begged his Lp to direct Mr Norton either to allow the right or to try it civilly at law, at his own cost, and not to rate the hounds. Mr Norton of all men had the least reason to make this innovation, for before he bought the wardenship of Bere forest from the Earl of Carlisle, even in the time of the restraint on the forest, he hunted by virtue of the charters granted to the Prior of Southwick. Did not doubt but that the liberty granted to the Bishop was as large or larger.

Minuted:—"Write to Mr Norton for his answer, and then send it to this gent." Answered 25 Aug. 1709. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[About Aug. 25.] 45. Memorial of Col. Lundy, Adjutant-General of the King of Portugal's forces in the Queen of Great Britain's pay: asking for his pay whilst a prisoner in France, to be allowed him out of the King of Portugal's subsidy.

Referred to the Paymaster General and the Secretary-at-War. 25 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 46. John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer. The 200 sheets of the ninth vol. of the *Leagues* (*Rymer's Fœdera*) were printed. Some others were to be added to end the same, with the remarkable era of the Great Treaty in the time of Henry the Fifth. Desired to know if he should enter into articles for printing the tenth volume. Dated 25 Aug. 1709.

1 *page*, and a sheet of the 9th vol. referred to.

Aug. 26. 47. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary, Lady Blaney, widow and relict of the right Hon. William, Lord Blaney, deceased. Had referred the matter to the Muster Master General, who reported that Lord Blaney was constituted governor of the town, fort, and county of Sligo, 1 Apr. 1693, but received no pay till 25 Mar. 1695, from which time he had 20s. a day. If her Majesty would grant that pay for the time specified it would be well bestowed, and a seasonable relief to the necessities of a noble family. Dated Dublin Castle, 26 Aug. 1709. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 26. 48. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition, case, and other long papers and accounts of Thomas Addison, Esq., Comr for sick and wounded seamen, &c. It relates more particularly to certain tenements in the Savoy. The surveyor recommends the grant to the petitioner of a building term for 50 years, and certain arrears of rent, and the costs of a suit, petitioner paying to Her Majesty 400*l.* Dated 26 Aug. 1709.

The petition. It traces the history of the property which belonged to the Jesuits and popish priests, and was afterwards used for a prison, &c. Also the other papers.

Minuted:—"9th June 1710. My Lord has no inclination to grant any terme wch may hinder the improvemt of the premisses for the charitable uses with wch they stand affected." 18 *pages.*

Aug. 27. 49. Report of Edw. Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the value of the windfall timber remaining in the bailiwick of Burleigh, in the New Forest, claimed by the Duke of Bolton. Dated 27 Aug. 1709.

Minuted:—"27 Sept. 1709. Respited till my Lord hath spoken to the D. of Bolton."

Also another memorandum of a later date. 1 *page and* 5 *lines.*

Aug. 27. 50. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for her Majesty's warrant to augment the pension of 150*l.* per ann. granted to John Walker, Esq., to 200*l.*, in consideration of his having been diverted by the Lord Lieut. from making his application to parliament. Dated Dublin Castle, 27 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 27. 51. W. Carstares to Mr Taylor. Asks his assistance with the Lord High Treasurer for the royal bounty to Mr Henry Walker, an Episcopal minister living in Edinburgh. Commends his zeal for her Majesty, whereby he has incurred the reproach of his disaffected brethren. Of all the large contributions that have been made to them, he has never had a sixpence, tho' indigent and having a large family. Dated "Edr, Ag 27, 1709." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 31. 52. Memorial of J. Cope and Jno Bridges, two of the Comrs for the Equivalent in Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer. As her Majesty had continued them in their office, they might have to go to Edinburgh. Pray that the expenses of their last journey might be paid. Dated 31 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

Aug. 31. 53. M. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for a speedy advance of 10,000*l.* on the contract for bread and bread waggons such as the States of Holland had made, in consideration of their great sufferings. Dated 31 Aug. 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 31. 54. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer as to the desire of the common brewers of Ireland to have the same allowances as had been granted to those of Dublin. Also on the question whether they made the same allowances to the common brewers throughout England as they did for London. The allowance in London was different to that in the rest of England, as well as the measure of the barrel. The whole was settled by Act 1 Will. and Mar. They could not form an opinion as regarded Ireland, being as unacquainted with their trade as with their laws. Dated 31 Aug. 1709.

Copy of warrant referred to, and a memorial of the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland. 5 *pages.*

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Aug. or Sept. 55. Petition of Capt. Stephen Godfrey to the Queen. From May 1690 to Sept. 1708 had been collector in several ports in Ireland. Had disobliged some of the Com^{rs} of Revenue by giving a vote for a representative in parliament " who was not gratefull to them," from whence originally sprang the cause of dismissing him; prays to be allowed the half pay on the establishment in Ireland. [Undated, but the Queen's warrant for granting to him 3*s.* a day half pay was dated 21 Sept. 1709, and is entered in the *Irish Book,* Vol. VI., p. 116.] 1 *page.*

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Sept. 1. 1. Articles of agreement for printing the 10th vol. of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 1 Sept. 1709.

Also a leaf of the volume. 3 *large pages.*

Sept. 2. 2. Proposal of Sir Theodore Janssen to the Lord High Treasurer for giving certain bills on Turin for an ordinary subsidy. Dated 2 Sept. 1709.

Minuted:—" Read the same day and agreed to by my Lord Treasurer." 1 *page.*

Sept. 2. 3. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^r Taylour. In curing flesh for the victualling of 40,000 men, 30,000 bushels of bay salt would be used. In the ensuing year 17,000 bushels, besides what was in store, would be required, so that the 51,777 bushels in the custody of the Custom House officers in Scotland would serve two years. The Com^{rs} prayed that 17,000 bushels might be delivered in London. Dated 2 Sept. 1709.

Minuted:—" 8th Aug. [? Sept.] 1709. My Lord orders that the Com^{rs} of the Victuall^g do take so much of the salt in y^e custome h^o in Scotland as is disposeable by the Act of Parlt, & to charge themselves wth it." 1 *page.*

Sept. 3. 4. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to [? M^r Lowndes], in answer to a letter of David Christie to the Lord High Admiral. Detail the arrangements made to prevent the contraband trade on " the easternmost corner of Fife," as far as the river Tay, and on the river Clyde, and all over the coast. The natural situation of the country very much perplexes them, having so many and such large inlets, which are like so many seas, scarce ever free of great gusts and dark, cold nights, and by reason of the mighty ebbs most of the shores are dangerous. There is no remedy for the large complaints from Dumfries but by having a boat built at Whitehaven. Still think it necessary to have a sloop in the north, &c. Will inquire after the character of M^r Christie, for by his manner he does not tell what he knows, provided the substance of his information be true, which they very much question. Propose that a gentleman shall be placed at Bergen, and another at Rotterdam, to inquire constantly after these matters, and if possible to have some to answer that end at Bourdeaux, S^{t} Sebastian, and Bilboa, for if they have timely notice of the doings of the merchants, wines and brandies may be seized. M^{r} Christie excuses Montrose, and attributes it to having an exact collector, one Hercules Smith, but if there is no corruption there, it is because the coast is not convenient, and the merchants are a knot of the fairest traders in those parts. The family of Coutts, consisting of three or four brothers are wise men, and therefore know that the breaking of laws, first or last, reacheth the aggressor. Dated Edinburgh, 3 Sept. 1709. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 6. 5. Richard Savage to M^{r} Lowndes, or in his absence to M^{r} Taylour. Sends copy of letter from the Collector of Hull, announcing the arrival of two ships in the Humber from Sweden. Also another letter from the Collector of Dover concerning a ship from Dantzic. Prays directions. Dated Custom House, London, 6 Sept. 1709.

The copies mentioned.

Another letter and enclosure on the same subject.

Minuted :—"Answered 7th Sep^{r} 1709. My Lord doth not think any of these ships wthin the meaning of her M^{ts} ord^{r} of Council. Those frō Sweden, because they come frō a place so remote frō Dantzic, nor the other, because it has been about a twelve months from thence." 5 *pages.*

Sept. 6. 6. Representation of the Com^{rs} of the Stamp Duties, to the Lord High Treasurer, containing their observations on the report of the late Attorney and Solicitor General relating to the informations they had caused to be filed against the attorneys for frauds of the revenue under their (the Com^{rs}') care. Also as to a copy of the bill of charges of preparing and filing the same, and "a state of this revenue with respect to the frauds commonly practiced." His L^{p} might see as well how necessary the measures were which they had taken, and how just and reasonable it was for them to order the bill of charges to be paid, as also what was necessary to be further done for the preservation of this revenue, which went into the hands of a number of people so artful in finding expedients to defraud it, and in colouring pretences for their own advantage.

Amongst the frauds practised was the making one stamp serve for many several things, each requiring a duty, by cutting off stamps from old deeds, bonds, &c., and by erasing the names of the parties, &c. out of old writs and putting in other names, &c. They had an affidavit of one attorney who made one stamp serve above 10 times.

They found it a common practice with the attorneys to write their declarations and other pleadings in inferior courts without stamps, and even in the courts at Westminster (where they use stamps), to write them so much closer than formerly, as that they were commonly paid for writing after the rate of five or six or

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more sheets where they used but one, and many of them charged even for the stamp duties of five or six or more sheets where only one was used.

They had received a letter from a clergyman as to an attorney who was Deputy "Register" to an ecclesiastical court, and who, instead of writing the marriage licences upon the five shilling stamp, made it a practice wholly to omit writing them at all, and to send a note to the curate that he had taken bond, and that he (the curate) might marry the couple; and so the attorney took the fees and stamp duties of the licences and clearly gained the duty to himself. Dated 6 Sept. 1709. 44 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

[About Sept. 10.] 7. Petition of George Gamon to the Lord High Treasurer asking to be appointed a tidewaiter.

Certificate in his favour. Dated 10 Sept. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 8. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to certain cocoa nuts landed from a Dutch man-of-war, under command of Capt. Vandergun, Commodore of the Rotterdam Fleet, by a Harwich smack; also as to other cocoa nuts run from the same man-of-war on the shore of Kent; in order that the same might be represented to the States General. Dated 13 Sept. 1709. 1 *page.*

Sept. 13. 9. The Lord Chamberlain to the Lord High Treasurer. Applies for 300*l.* to be paid to the Envoy from the Republic of Genoa, and the like sum to the Marquis de Sales, Envoy of the Republic of the Grisons. Dated 13 Sept. 1709. 1 *page.*

Sept. 13. 10. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition and papers of Joseph Mitchel. If her Majesty thought fit to grant the petitioner the money he and his father expended in recovering and defending the title of the Crown to the forfeited estate granted to his father, and afterwards taken from him, it would be a favour well bestowed. Dated 13 Sept. 1709.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. 1710. This cannot be done, because of y^{e} precedent, but upon anoth^{r} opportunity to be considered." 1 *page.*

Sept. 14. 11. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. The payment of the accounts of M^{r} Jezreel Jones to supply his most pressing occasions would be a charity well bestowed. Dated 14 Sept. 1709. (*A copy*), ½ *page.*

Sept. 14. 12. The same to the same. Sends copy of a letter received from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland in behalf of Lieut. D'André for her Majesty to be moved thereon. Dated 14 Sept. 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 19. 13. John Coupland to ———. States how the accounts of the late Lord Falkland, as Treasurer of the Navy, stand. Dated 19 Sept. 1709.

Minuted:—"The aud^{rs} to be sent to hasten the acct^{s} that are before them." 2 *pages.*

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Sept. 20. 14. Certificate of Charles Graydon as to the payment of 220*l.* by M^{r} Robert Turnbull, of Montrose, merchant, in satisfaction of a judgment against him. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 20 Sept. 1709. ½ *page.*

Sept. 20. 15. The Lord High Treasurer to M^{r} Lowndes. Encloses a letter and printed proposal, as M^{r} Lowndes could judge whether it were capable of being of any use, much better than his Lordship. Dated Windsor 20 Sept. 1709.

The letter referred to from M^{r} Geo. Davenant, which says, in relation to the proposal, that foreign cash would be invited into the kingdom, and the small hoarded sums at home brought out, specie enlarged in the exchequer and in the bank, the common people gratified, and by their numbers contribute a large sum, &c.

The other enclosure is entitled :—"A proposal for annuities for life, with the benefit of survivorship; such as the purses of the generality of the people may be able to compass." 7 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 16. Memorial of William Clayton, gent. to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays payment of 35*l.* expended in carrying out the Act for raising 1,155,000*l.* by sale of annuities, and for fees in passing his account, and further payment for his care and trouble. Dated Exchequer, 24 Sept. 1709.

Minuted :—"100^{li}." ½ *page.*

Sept. 24. 17. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. They had examined the incident payments and allowances in the port of London, which had not been under his Lordship's inspection. The salaries of several officers had not been inserted on the book of establishment, but paid by incident. For the future they were to be inserted. Several officers who had salaries on the establishment had additional salaries for the same service by incidents, &c. The Com^{rs} annexed a list of such officers in order to their being established. They detail other arrangements which they had made. Dated 24 Sept. 1709.

The list referred to.

Minuted :—"Read 17 Nov^{r} 1709. My Lord will take a time to go over ye heads of it by himselfe, and then he'l send for ye Com^{rs} againe." 7 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 26. 18. Report of the Surveyor-General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr. Sewell, recommending that petitioner should have a lease for 50 years of certain houses in the Strand, the petitioner having the property for an unexpired term from the master and chaplains of the late Hospital of the Savoy. Dated 26 Sept. 1709.

Minuted :—"Read 9 June 1710. The same answer as upon M^{r} Addison's report. My Lord has noe inclinacõn to grant any terme w^{ch} may hinder the improvem^{t} of the premises for the charitable uses with w^{ch} they stand affected." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 26. 19. Memorial of the Office of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, representing the necessities of the office, and pressing for money for works at Whitehall and Windsor. Dated 26 Sept. 1709.

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Minuted:—"27 Sept. 1709. My Lord orders another halfe year to be regr̃ed [? registered] on tyn, and will order them a qur in money as soon as there is any opportunity." 1 *page*.

Sept. 28. 20. Affidavit of William Bowyer as to the printing of the 9th vol. of *Rymer's Fœdera*. Sworn 28 Sept. 1709.

Also a specimen sheet. 5 *pages* (4 *printed*).

— Sept. 29. 21. Account of Nehemiah Arnold, paymaster of the malt lottery tickets, from Michaelmas 1708 to Michaelmas 1709, rendered to the Lord High Treasurer. 2 *pages*.

— Sept. 29. 22. The debt of the navy exclusive of the register, as it stood at Mich̃as 1708, compared with the like debt as it stood at Mich̃as 1709. 2 *pages*.

— Sept. 30. 23. An account of interest received on Exchequer bills by Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart, treasurer of her Majts navy, pursuant to the Lord High Treasurer's warrant in that behalf, between the 1st and 30th September 1709. ½ *page*.

Sept. 24. Petition of Frances Jones and Ann Lloyd, widows, daughters of William Pendrill, deceased, seeking to be allowed to settle their pension of 50*l*. per ann. each, on their sons John Jones and Richard Lloyd. The pension was granted to them for the services of their father to King Charles II. after his escape at the battle of Worcester. 1 *page*.

Oct. 4. 25. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Taylour. The Lord High Treasurer to be acquainted that Mr Francklin contracted with the board to serve the fleet with ticking, waistcoats, and breeches, and that his issues to the ships exceeded the money paid him by 17,274*l*. 2*s*. Dated 4 Oct. 1709.

The petition, contract, and account. 10½ *pages*.

Oct. 6. 26. Mr Burchett to William Lowndes, Esq. By order of the Lord High Admiral sends letter from the Cōmrs of Victualling, and a letter which came to the latter board from Mr Astell, a merchant, relating to a ship from Hamboro, with pipe and hogshead staves for her Majesty's service. Dated 6 Oct. 1709.

The first mentioned letter. 2 *pages*.

[About Oct. 6.] 27. Petition of Henry Ballowe and John Smith, deputy chamberlains for joining tallies in her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for the grant of a warrant to pay them for their services.

Also a certificate dated 6 Oct. 1709. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 12. 28. Memorial of the garrison of Portsmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. The soldiers on duty at Portsmouth suffer extremely for want of fire and candle, and several have perished; pray for an allowance for the same. Dated 12 Oct. 1709.

Referred to the Controllers of the Army accounts. ½ *page*.

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Oct. 14. 29. Copy of warrant of the Lord High Admiral (Earl of Pembroke) to the Paymaster General of Marine Forces, for payment of 175*l.* to Mr Francis Lynn for disbursements for the Marine Forces. Dated 14 Oct. 1709. 1 *page.*

Oct. 19. 30. Copy of warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to the Receiver General of the Revenue of the Duchy of Cornwall to pay Mr Scobell 1,035*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.* for repair of coinage halls and melting houses, and the receipt thereof. Dated 19 Oct. 1709. 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 22.] 31. Petition of John Ashbury, late "fife" of her Majesty's household, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had served as fife in the reigns of King William and Queen Mary, and at her present Majesty's coronation; but in his absence in Spain with the Duke of Ormond, a new establishment was made, and the ancient place of fife was left out, and his three years' service was in arrears; prayed redress.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Oct. 1709. Not thought reasonable, he being entertained in some of her Mats troops." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 32. List of the second officers who were superseded in the following regiments, and not provided for, viz.:—

Lord Mark Kerr's Regiment.
Lieut.-Genl Stewart's.
Major-Genl Gorge's.
Lord Montjoy's.
Brigadr Edwd Pearce's.
Earl of Portmore's.
Col Hill's.
Brigadr Wightman's.
Col. Bowles's.
Col. Sutton's.
Lord Tyrawly's.

Also computation of two months' half pay to several officers "en second" not provided for to the 23rd of Oct. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 33. Sir Saml Garrard to Mr Lowndes. Recommends Mr. Wm Nehoffe to be a controller at Montross. He had passed his examination in hopes to be preferred to the place. Dated Watling St, Oct. 25, 1709.

Mr. Nehoffe's letter to Sir Samuel, asking for his assistance. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 34. An attested copy of information exhibited against John Hilton of the town and parish of St George, cordwainer, and Hannah his wife, and answers thereto filed in the exchequer of the Bermudas *alias* Somer Islands, in respect of treasure discovered by them and concealed. Sworn 30 Oct. 1709. 4 *pages* (*brief size*).

Nov. 1. 35. Draft of Queen's warrant for the preparation of a bill for the royal signature.

Docquetted:—"Mr Fox [late Paymaster of Forces] for subsidies & pay to foreign forces & other allowances on his accot to 23 June 1705." Dated 1 Nov. 1709. 4 *large pages.*

Nov. 3. 36. Report of the Earl of Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the prices of the several weights and measures sent to Scotland,

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provided by Samuel Edwin, Esq., Usher of the receipt of the Exchequer. Considered the prices reasonable for ready money, &c. Dated Exchequer, 3 Nov. 1709.

Minuted:—"10 May 1710. Ref. to y^{e} Barons to consider and report how it may be paid out of the revenue in Scotland."

Again:—"18 April 1711. To be layd before the Queen, the Lord Cheefe Baron alledging the revenues of Scotland are not capable of bearing this expence."

The accounts of the prices referred to amounting to 970*l.* 3*s.* 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 3. 37. Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclosed a stated account of the revenue there, &c. Five East India ships, under convoy of two men-of-war, had arrived at Kinsale. Had directed that no goods were to be admitted to an entry, and had taken measures to prevent the running of the goods. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 3 Nov. 1709. 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 38. An estimate of the debt of her Majesty's navy under various heads. Dated 4 Nov. 1709. 2 *large pages.*

Nov. 4. 39. Order in Council held at New York 4 Nov. 1709, for *noli prosequi* to be entered in an action against Peter Fauconier. 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 4. 40. Funds payable at the Exchequer stated to the 4th of November 1709. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 5. 41. Proposal to the Lord High Treasurer, made by John Rolle and others, for fixing a duty on all raw hides, enclosed with a letter to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq^{re}, on the same subject. Dated 5 Nov. 1709. 3 *pages.*

[About Nov. 7.] 42. Petition of Samuel Shepheard, John Lambert, and John James David, merchants in London, to the Lord High Treasurer, for stay of prosecution by the Solicitor of Customs for the customs on certain wines for which they were answerable, the vessel having been captured whilst under convoy and carried to Calais.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1709. Comm^{rs} cust. to stay prosecution till next Hillary Term." 1 *page.*

Nov. 7. 43. John Denan to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Lays his thoughts before his Lordship as to a tax upon our superfluities, our vanities, and our luxuries. Dated 7 Nov. 1709. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 44. Copy of a representation of the Board of Trade to her Majesty upon an act appointing agents to transact the public affairs of the island of Barbadoes. Dated Nov. 9, 1709. 13 *pages.*

[About Nov. 9.] 45. Memoranda of sums due to Charles Dartiquenave, Paymaster of her Majesty's works, upon the 6*s.* 6*d.* a day entered in the office books.

Minuted:—"9 Nov^{r} 1709. Agreed." 1 *page, quarto.*

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Nov. 9. 46. Memoranda as to the reception of certain deeds touching Mote Park, conveyed from Mr Granville to her Majesty. Dated 9 Nov. 1709. Signed, H. Horsley. ½ *page.*

Nov. 10. 47. Mr Baron Smith to John Taylor, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. The cries and complaints of the poor on the charity roll, and of the invalids, were so loud and pressing that they must be attended to speedily. Mr Robert Tayler had seized a parcel of French wines, &c. The Lord High Treasurer should be acquainted that there was some uneasiness that the matter of appointing the bursars in the universities was unsettled, because it put a stop to all those charities, which were small exhibitions to scholars towards their support in their studies at the universities. These used to be appointed by the Lords of the Treasury and the Exchequer in Scotland. The Lord Treasurer seemed inclined to have it referred to the Queen's own appointment; but he (Mr Smith) thought it might as well be done by the [Court ?] in Scotland, being too minute to trouble the Crown with. Dated Edinburgh, 10 Nov. 1709. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 48. Thomas Cooper to Mr Lowndes [to be left for him at Browne's Coffee House in King Street]. Sends a proposal to raise money, in which he has no other design than to serve the public. Proposes a tax on gold and silver plate and on bachelors. Dated 10 Nov. 1709. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 49. Report of William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Daniel Stoner, of the Island of St Christopher's, praying her Majesty's confirmation of a grant made to him for three years by Col. Parks, Governor of the Leeward Islands, of a plantation of about 150 acres in the French quarter of Basseterre: recommends the term should be extended to April 1712. Dated 10 Nov. 1709.

The petition and the grant referred to. 4 *pages.*

[About Nov. 12.] 50. Memorial of Samuel Travers, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had, together with Mr Topham, recommended the widow Pocock, James Holmes, and Richard Tilsley as fit objects of charity, by being forced to quit their habitations on the pulling down of the houses on the ground purchased by her Majesty upon the Castle Hill at Windsor. Was of opinion that the widow Pocock should have a double share (40*l.*) and the others 20*l.* each, of the sum realised by the sale of the materials. Undated, but about 12 Nov. 1709. See *Letter Book,* Vol. 13, p. 129. 1 *page.*

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Nov. 16. 1. A state of M^r^ Brydges' demands in respect of the public services for the year 1709, with regard to Flanders. Dated 16 Nov. 1709. 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 2. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of the quantity of corn transported from the Thames and the outports, since Midsummer last. Dated 17 Nov. 1709.

The account mentioned. 4½ *pages.*

Nov. 17. 3. Sir James Steuart to ———. Reminds him that a pension was promised him (Sir James) of 700*l.* yearly, when he ceased to be H.M. Advocate in May last. His two servants, who were innocently losers by his being laid aside, were promised to be well provided for by a suitable post. His usher (Longtoun's) fee had not been ordered out of the excise, which produced ready payment, but out of the crown rents, which were quite exhausted; asks for a sign manual of the L^d^ High Treasurer for payment out of the Excise. Dated Edinburgh, 17 Nov. 1709. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 19. 4. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, North Britain, to the Lord High Treasurer. Offering their opinion that it would be better for the revenue if the sloops were disposed of, and barges and boatmen with small arms were provided. The expense would be somewhat less. Dated Edinburgh, 19 Nov. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 5. Report of R. Ingoldsby and others to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) on the petition of Brigadier W^m^ Villiers, bearing testimony to the satisfactory manner in which they found he had performed his services in the army. Dated 21 Nov. 1709.

Also the petition, praying for a continuance of his pension. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 6. W. Lowndes to M^r^ Attorney General (Montague). Asks him to call on the Lord High Treasurer on the following morning and bring the papers transmitted to him, and his (the Attorney General's) report thereon, in relation to the ship "King David," seized at Portsmouth with prohibited goods, about which Gaspar Mendez, merchant, had petitioned. Dated 22 Nov. 1709. 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 7. The report of the Attorney General last above referred to, together with other reports and papers on the same subject. The Attorney General advises that the prosecution should go on. Dated 23 Nov. 1709. 18 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Nov. 24. 8. Report of Charles Dering, Auditor General, to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the petition of Capt. Augustus Claverie, who had served the French King as captain lieutenant. Was of opinion that as he was a Protestant and a gentleman of a good family, and

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destitute of all means of subsistence, he might deserve a pension. Dated 24 Nov. 1709.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 24. 9. Report of R. Walpole to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the widow of the late Lieut.-Col. Edward Thornicroft, setting forth her distressed condition with seven children, and no other support than 40*l.* per annum out of the fund for widows of officers killed in Spain, Portugal, and the West Indies. Encloses copy of a report which he (Mr. Walpole) had previously made to the Earl of Sunderland, wherein he had expressed his opinion that the pension was too small, and proposed to give an ensign's commission to her son in Sir Charles Hotham's regiment. Dated 24 Nov. 1709.

Minuted:—"5 Dec. 1709. The Q. has considered her beyond the 40li a year, by an ensigns comon to one of her sons, and to make any further pension to her would be out of the rule and of very ill precedt."

The report above referred to, two letters, and three certificates of officers under whom Col. Edward Thornycroft had served, of his highly creditable services. On a march between Ballimagooly and Cork in Ireland, having 80 men under his command, he was attacked by about 500 horse and dragoons of the enemy, whom he repulsed with great loss on their side. Dated Oct. 9, 10, and 14, 1709.

Also copies of three numbers of the London Gazette and a private letter from the colonel to his brother detailing the fight above referred to dated 24 July 1691. 16½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 10. Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had no objection to offer to the grant for 21 years, of the pension of 300*l.* per ann. on the establishment of Ireland, held during pleasure by Elizabeth Countess of Thanet. Dated Dover Street, 28 Nov. 1709.

Also the petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 11. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on petitions touching certain ingots of foreign gold, seized by a searcher of the Port of London. If his Lordship saw fit to grant a warrant to the Attorney Genl for a *nolle prosequi,* the Comrs proposed that satisfaction should be made to the officer, and they hoped it would prevent the melting down and exporting the coin. Dated 28 Nov. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 2d Decr 1709. My Lord agrees to this rept, but directs notice to be given to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen how the law stands, as stated in Mr Att. Genlls rept, and also directs that the Comrs of ye Customes, do give notice to the merchts, that they may avoid running into like inconveniencys for the future."

Two petitions and an affidavit. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 12. Report of the Board of Ordnance to the Duke of Marlborough on the memorial of William Bridges, Surveyor General of the ordnance, advising that Mr Bridges' extraordinary services deserved the additional allowance of 200*l.* per ann. beyond his salary of 500*l.*

per ann. as well for the seven years past, as for the time to come. Dated 29 Nov. 1709.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 13. Petition of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received his *quietus* on all his accounts to Christmas 1701. There remained but one account for the forces ending at Christmas 1702, which was delivered in long service; but it being his final account, he could not prosecute the passing of it, as it was charged at the beginning with four millions and a half above the sums he received for the service of that year, which arose from the disallowance of large sums in the preceding accounts, tho' actually paid by him, the auditors of imprest refusing to allow them, for want of regular vouchers. This matter was referred to the auditors who had not reported on it. Prayed that process against him may be superseded till his Lp declared his pleasure. Presented Nov. 30, 1709.

Minuted:—"10 Dec. 1709, audrs to attend." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 14. Memorial of the Comrs of Works to the Lord High Treasurer praying payment in specie for carrying on the service of the Midsummer quarter last, also for the Prince's funeral. Dated November [ ], 1709. 1 *page.*

Dec. 1. 15. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for her Majesty's warrant for payment of the expenses of holding the last sessions of Parliament in Ireland. Dated London, 1 Dec. 1709. ½ *page (signature cut away).*

Dec. 3. 16. Lord Chamberlain to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for 300*l.* to be paid to Mons. Ducker, envoy extraordinary "from the Bishop of Munster," on his departure from hence. Dated 3 Dec. 1709. 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 17. Similar letter in favour of Mons. Waldersee, envoy extraordinary from the King of Denmark. Dated 3 Dec. 1709. 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 18. Account of money paid out of civil list funds in aid of the annuity fund granted anno 1707, with an estimate of what will be further required. Dated 3 Dec. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 19. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a proposal of Dr Maynwaring for purifying the goods that came from Dantzick. There might be some weight in his objections against airing the goods below in the Medway. Dr Maynwaring's estimate for the other part of his proposal was a pound of medicines of 10*s.* value for a bale of hemp of a ton weight. The operation could not be done under four hours, with the help of six men, and an allowance of two guineas a day for himself, and they would need a double booth of 60 feet long and 20 feet broad. The doctor owned that the men employed would be liable to infection. They could not judge whether it would be effectual. Dated 8 Dec. 1709.

In his proposal the Doctor says that in the year of the Great Plague (1665) he stayed in the city from first to last, visiting the

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sick, and recovering many, being recommended by Sir John Lawrence, then Lord Mayor. He had the charge of a pest house at Clerkenwell, by order from the Earl of Southampton and the justices of Middlesex. He also cleared houses and goods from infection, so that people might return to their habitations with safety, for, as a very able physician (an intimate friend and fellow labourer of his) says in his writings, "Of all diseases there is none that finisheth its course with more expedition, insinuates more slily, treads more softly, lurks more privily, and kills more treacherously." He further says of the few physicians who then ventured their lives, so far as he can hear, he is the only one who then survived.

Minuted :—"Read 9 Dec. 1709." 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 20. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. By command of her Majesty signifies that directions should be given for payment of 20*s.* a day to Mr Isaac d'Alais, who was to continue the correspondence from the court of Hanover till the arrival of another minister, viz., from the 22 of Sept., being the day of the death of Mr Howe. Dated Whitehall, 8 Dec. 1709.

Minuted :—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 21. Thomas Chetle to William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses the paper of which he told Mr Lowndes. If of service should ask him to take a younger son for his (Mr Lowndes') clerk, and the rather because at that time his eldest son was in the Gazette for sheriff of Worcester, for which county he (Mr Chetle) served 14 years since. Dated 8 Dec. 1709.

The paper referred to entitled :—"Tenne thoughts how great sumes of money may be raised to assist carrying on the present warre, and not hurtt the subjects nor trade, but be for the general good, in case the legislative powers please to enact the same."

His scheme related (1) to the importation of Irish cattle ; (2) the royal forests ; (3) importation of foreign iron ; (4) irrigation and drainage ; (5) making rivers navigable ; (6) establishment of a mint at Dublin ; (7) enclosure of common field land ; (8) embankments on the sea shore ; (9) enclosure of commons ; (10) mines undiscovered.

Also a set of 10 queries as to what inconvenience would arise from carrying out the above. 9½ *pages.*

Dec. 10. 22. Various papers relating to the laying on of a duty on tallow or candles. Mostly undated, but those that are dated are between 24 Nov. and 10 Dec. 1709. 19 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 12. 23. Sir Henry Furnese to the Lord High Treasurer. Proposes a way by which bills for 200,000*l.* for Holland might be given by the bank, with advantage to themselves and no prejudice to the public. The way was used with good success in 1707–8, when the bank was in some distress. Danger might attend this negotiation if the Bank had anything in view besides the locking up such sum in Exchequer bills. An interruption of two or three months in the course of his business would disable him from serving his Lordship for the future with credit and reputation, for it was much easier to keep up credit when in full possession than to re-assume it after such an interruption. Dated 12 Dec. 1709.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 74, 12 Dec. 1709, is:—"The gent. of the Bank called in, wth S^{r} H. Furnesse. My Lord acquaints S^{r} H. that some of the gentlemen of the Bank, being of opinion that it would be of service to the public, and an ease to the Bank, if they had the remitting of the next 300,000*l.* for the service of the troops in Flanders," &c., "M^{r} Eyles says the Bank do propose to give bills for 300,000*l.*, payable at Amsterdam, for the service of the troops in Flanders, at 3 & ½ usance—4 and 4½ in equal proportions at the rate of 9 gil^{drs} 16 'stuyvers' Bank m^{o} for a pound sterling, and to receive their paym^{t} in Exchequer bills. Sir H. thinks the rate not unreasonable, and says he is willing to give them the like ease and accommodation in this proposition as he did in March 1707–8, by taking the bills they shall draw on Amsterdam for y^{e} said 300,000^{l}, which will be the same service to the Bank as if they remitted, & prevent the inconveniences that might happen to the public if the remittances for the army were in several hands. My Lord approves of what is so offered. M^{r} Eyles desires that in regard the Bank are alwaies ready to assist S^{r} H. in his affaires for the public service, he should do what in him lies to serve the Bank by keeping his cash there. My Lord says he thinkes it very reasonable, and Sir H. assures his Lord^{p} he will always do so for the future." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 12. 24. "An acc^{t} of what money hath been annually granted by Parliament for the service of the Navy, and what hath been annually issued upon the several heads thereof, since her Ma$^{t's}$ happy accession to the crown:" to wit A.D. 1702–1709. Dated 12 Dec. 1709. 1 *large page.*

Dec. 12. 25. Copy of a provisional convention between Major-General Carpenter and the Portuguese General [Mons. le Comte d'Attalaya]. viz:—As to advances of money for the troops in Catalonia, as to Portuguese prisoners to be formed into two regiments of infantry, as to 1,200 recruits for the English army in Spain, to be furnished by the Count d'Attalaya; and as to a chaplain of the Roman religion for the two regiments and free exercise of their religion in the English corps. Dated at Barcelona, 23 Dec. 1709 N.S. [*i.e.*, 12 Dec.]. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 26. Representation of Sir Alexander Rigby to the Lord High Treasurer. After endeavouring for two years and a half to discharge his duty, the merchants who had engaged in clandestine trade showed so much animosity to him, that his life was threatened; but depending upon God, the Queen, his Lordship, and his innocency, he might have continued his business, had he not been still under the weight of the losses he sustained by the Great Duke of Tuscany's imprisonment of William Plowman in anno 1696–7, and the oppression of his house of co-partnership at Leghorn; notwithstanding he had paid since that unhappy accident 15,000*l.* These affairs being known to the merchants, they had declared at the market cross of the city, that they would draw down on him every

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creditor he had, and processes had thereupon been commenced against him. The disgust against him was so great, that it was impossible for him to remain. In England he would be amongst his friends; but here he was destitute of all help. Prays for his Lordship's timely help. Dated Edinburgh, 13 Dec. 1709. 4 *pages.*

[This produced a sympathizing letter from M^{r} Lowndes in reply. See *North Britain Book*, Vol. II., p. 118.]

Dec. 17. 27. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Duke of Marlborough in reference to the furnishing for the palatines going to New York 600 tents, firelocks, &c. They (the officers) had issued tents for the whole of the palatines encamped at Blackheath and Camberwell; and no money had been given for either service. They claim also sums for other services, and ask that her Majesty will give directions for payment. Dated 17 Dec. 1709.

Also an estimate for the tents. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 28. "B. S" to the Lord High Treasurer. Proposes a duty on hats and stockings. Dated Shafton, 17 Dec. 1709. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 17. 29. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer on instructions received through M^{r} Lowndes to treat with the proprietors of the houses on the Castle Hill at Windsor, between her Majesty's late purchase there and the gateway leading into the town; and likewise with Edward Jones, a gardener, who was in possession of ground lying under the west end of the terrace, with a view to purchase the same for her Majesty's use. The Surveyor in reporting thereon, relates the negotiations he had had with the several proprietors, and the terms upon which they would part with their interests. They were all willing to do so, except one M^{rs} Mary Jones, a widow, who held of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and had a term for 29 years. He (the surveyor) had several times discoursed with her, but found her a woman of the most ungovernable temper that ever he met with; and though he assured her she should have more than the value of the premises, she absolutely refused to treat or make any demand. The report concludes "Since therefore the perverseness of this woman leaves me no hopes of bringing her to reason, and the way near her houses is so narrow and dangerous, being fenced only with a rotten pale, that I am told a carriage some time ago fell from it into the ditch, I would humbly offer it to her Mat̃ies consideration, that the gateway be removed above those houses, next the Lady Freschville's garden, and that so much of the ditch which belongs to the Crown be filled up . . . . . a large open space below & make a handsom way up to the Castle.

"As to a convenient place to wait in, especially in bad weather, which by the pulling down all the public houses on the Hill, will be very much wanted by persons of quality, who have the honour to attend her Ma$^{t's}$ person, or resort to the court on other occasions, I begg leave further humbly to offer, that over the porter's lodge, in the building commonly called the Devil's Tower, there is a large room whereof no use had been made for a long time, and I humbly conceive that if a sober person were permitted to fit up for a tea and chocolate room, with a prohibition to sell wines, or suffer any manner of gaming there, it would be a great ease, especially to such as are obliged to a constant attendance, since they might be always ready at hand to go upon their several duties." Dated 17 Dec. 1709. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 30. Memorial of Henry Bendysh to the Lord High Treasurer (Godolphin). Had executed charter-parties with commanders and owners of ships, who were to carry the 3,000, and about 300 palatines to New York at 5*l.* 10*s.* per head, and was bound for between 18,000*l.* and 19,000*l.*, besides demurrage. Prays for a warrant to the Hon. Spencer Compton, Esq., for payment of 1,000*l.* a week for the same. Dated 17 Dec. 1709. 1 *page.*

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVI. p. 3, 13 Sept. 1710, is the following on the subject of the Palatines:—

"The mem^{l} of M^{r} Bendyshe for 2500^{li} (for which he stands bound), to compleat 25854 15 8 due on charter partys, for transporting palatines to New York is read. The Queen orders this remainder to be p̃d by 500^{li} a week."

Dec. 19. 31. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Francis Harrison, praying to be paid for the time he acted as Commissary General of Ireland, from the death of his brother to the time Col. Pennyfather entered on the same. Was of opinion he should be paid. Dated 19 Dec. 1709.

Signature cut away. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 19. 32. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial from the Com^{rs} of North Britain as to some defects in the law relating to the bounty payable upon the exportation of corn, and to the drawbacks for tobacco exported. Enclosing a draft of a clause to be offered to Parliament in relation thereto. Dated 19 Dec. 1709.

The memorial and the clause.

Minuted:—"Read." 5 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 33. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Richard Barry, Second Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, seeking that the office should be granted to him during his life, and the lives of William Barry and John Keating. Advising that it should be granted for one life besides his own. Dated London, 19 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"The Q. doth not thinke fit to grant reversions."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 34. The same to the same, on the petition of the Earl of Cavan. Was of opinion it would be an act of justice and charity if her Majesty would grant an annual pension on the Establishment of Ireland of 300*l.* to the petitioner to support himself and family in some measure according to his quality. Dated London, 19 Dec. 1709.

The petition. 2 *pages*

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Dec. 19. 35. The same to the same on the petition of Lieut. Will^{m} Brown, Lieut. John Miller, and Quartermaster Thomas Thornborogh. The facts were as stated by petitioners, and as he (the Lord Lieut.) had hindered them from applying to the Parliament of Ireland for relief, it was reasonable they should be restored to half pay. Same date. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 36. The same to the same on the petition of Captains James Manson, Mort Cunningham, James M^{c}Cormack, Steven Miller, Thomas White, John Murray, and Lieut^{s} Guy Carleton, and Mark Smith, and Ensign Nicholas Holmes; advising the payment of their arrears of half pay. Same date.

Copy of petition and certificate. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 37. The same to the same on the memorial of Col. Harman, Col. of the company of battle-axe guards, as to additional pay for new clothing: if the pay were not allowed 740*l.* would be required for clothing. Same date.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 38. The same to the same, recommending a pension of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day to Peter Poussin, who lost one of his eyes and his hearing in the discharge of his duty in Dublin Castle. Same date. 1 *page.*

[After Dec. 20.] 39. Report of Auditor Maynwaring to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Charles Fox, Esq., late paymaster of the foreign forces; as to allowances for passing his accounts, &c.

The memorial. Referred 20 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 23 Jan. 1709. Agreed to and a warr^{t} accordingly." 4½ *pages.*

Dec. 21. 40. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes, respecting the old debt of the Navy, drawn out from the books kept at the office of the bills entered in course, which appear to remain unpaid, &c. Dated 21 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"24 Jan^{ry} 1709. The debt of the Navy being before the House, this matter is respited." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 41. Ro. Hunter to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Proposal for remittance of 8,000*l.* to New York. Dated London, 21 Dec. 1709. 2½ *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 21. 42. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, on the petition of the widow Delaspois. Had directed the Auditor General to examine and report thereon. Enclosed his report and agreed that the widow was a fit object for the grant of a pension of 3*s.* a day. Dated Dublin Castle, 21 Dec. 1709.

The report named, two petitions, a further letter and two certificates. Captain Delaspois served the Crown several years in military employments, being at the Battle of the Boyne, where he received several wounds, and was afterwards aid-de-camp to the Earl of Gallway, &c.

Minuted:—"Read 12 June 1710. Lre ab^{t} Ch^{a} Delaspois, warr^{t} sign'd." 6 *pages.*

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Dec. 22. 43. Report of Charles Dering, Auditor General to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of Judith Julia Coutiers, widow and relict of Lieut. and Quartermaster Coutiers in Major-General Sankey's regiment of foot: recommends an allowance of 3*s.* a day. Dated 22 Dec. 1709. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 44. Proposal of Micaya Perry, & Co. for remitting 8,000li sterl. to New York.

Minuted:—"Read & agreed to. 23rd Decr 1709, and a minute to be entered accordingly." 1 *page.*

[This is entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol., XV., p. 80.]

Dec. 23. 45. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of William Hanbury, Esq., who solicited the passing of the Act of Parliament for vesting in her Majesty the inheritance of Cotton House. He thought the amount claimed, 327*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, reasonable to be allowed. Dated 23 Dec. 1709.

The memorial and bill of charges. 6 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Dec. 23. 46. An order of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, for the Lord High Treasurer to be informed, that the circumstances of the company's affairs would not allow them to comply with his proposal, which was to pay for the petre required for the board of ordnance by tallies on the general mortgage to commence in 1714: the 45,000*l.* taken for the last saltpetre in tallies not having been paid. The Directors also pray for an order of payment in money or Exchequer bills for the petre demanded. Dated 23 Dec. 1709. 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 47. Report of Mr Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of Lord Mordington, who denied his marriage to Mary Dillon. Finding that it was a valid marriage, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, and that cohabitation followed the marriage. Had enquired as to the marriage of the same Mary Dillon with Captain Laycock, but there were no legal grounds for the same. Dated 24 Dec. 1709.

The letter of Lord Mordington, in which he says he has "listed" as a soldier, and so hopes to regain his character. He denies Mary Dillon to be his wife, &c. He further says she reports the Queen has given her a pension; if so, her Majesty has been misinformed, for there is no Lady Mordington upon the face of the earth.

A note from him "for my Ladie Mordington:" the extract from the marriage register, and three affidavits. 6 *pages.*

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XV., p. 196, 30 Aug. 1710, is:—"Lady Mordington—Give her 10*l.*, but not as a quar of the pension."

Dec. 24. 48. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Francis Grueber and William Walton, as to their proposal of delivery of 6,000 barrels of gunpowder. The credit they proposed to give the Government would not balance the great inconvenience that would arise, by discouraging all the rest of the powder makers, who would be obliged to turn their mills to other uses; by which means "Gruber" and Walton would engross the sole making of powder, and in a short time would impose what terms they pleased upon the board. Dated 24 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 28th Dec. 1709. My Lord agrees in opinion wth the board of ordñce." 1 *page*.

Dec. 24. 49. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord [High Treasurer] to acquaint her Majesty that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had an ancient fee on the establishment of 200*l*. per ann., for which the process of green wax ought to be sealed, without any fee for sealing it; yet Mr Savage, the present Chancellor, had for several years received great sums from her Majesty, amounting in nine years to near 1,300*l*. Mr Savage was also Clerk of the Crown of the Court of Queen's Bench. No return of the fines had been made since the Queen's accession (except in the case of some Popish booksellers) and few since Mr Savage was made Chancellor of the Exchequer; so that that part of her Majesty's casual revenue had been lost to the Crown. Asks whether this should be enquired into or proceeded on. Dated 24 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"15th Feb. 1709. Ref. to Lord Lieutenant of Ireland." 2 *pages, quarto*.

Dec. 24. 50. A proposition for a lottery to establish a fund of 135,000*l*. per ann. by Act of Parliament for 32 years. Dated 24 Dec. 1709.

Also a printed copy. 5 *pages*.

Dec. 24. 51. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Francis Jones, praying in consideration of the great charge he had been at, in prosecuting a seizure of plate, to be allowed her Majesty's part of the forfeiture. The case had been litigated since 1704, at a cost to the petitioner of 1,200*l*., besides other damages to the amount of 1,000*l*.: recommending that petitioner should be allowed her Majesty's part, and that the Attorney General should acknowledge satisfaction on the judgment. Dated 24 Dec. 1709.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition and three other papers. 7 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

Dec. 25. 52. "An accot of the produce of the several duties on pepper for seven years before the last new duty of 18d per pound, and is from Christmas 1702 to ditto 1709, distinguishing the produce of the duties yearly and the uses to which they are applicable." 1 *page*.

Dec. 25. 53. Account of what remains due to clear the pensions and annuities payable at the Exchequer to Christmas 1709. 1 *page*.

Dec. 25, 1708 to Dec. 25, 1709. 54. An abstract of the receipts and payments of her Majesty's customs, new and additional impositions from 25 Dec. 1708 to 25 Dec. 1709.

Also an account of bonds for the same period. 3 *pages*.

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Minuted:—"29 Dec^{r} 1709. Officers of y^{e} ordñce to attend to-morrow morning wth an acco^{t} of y^{e} particulars furnished by their office to y^{e} Lord Lovelace for a ꝓsent to the Indians when he was sent Gov^{r} and of the charge thereof." 1 *page.*

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1. Reports of J. Howe, paymaster of guards, garrisons, &c., and of J. Brydges, together with other papers connected with the affairs of the Pay Office during the year 1709. 20 *pages or parts of pages.*

2. Reports and other papers connected with the Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen and prisoners of war for the same year. 27 *pages or parts of pages.*

3. Accounts of receipts and payments and other papers connected with the Transport Service for the same year. 10 *pages, mostly very large.*

4. Various papers connected with the Victualling Office, chiefly applications for money, for the same year. 21 *pages.*

5. Accounts and papers relating to Treasury fees made out monthly for the year 1709 (August being wanting). 38 *pages or parts of pages.*

VOL. CXIX. 1709. Classified (Part II.) and Undated.

1. A parcel of papers containing many particulars of the poor Palatines, mostly Protestants, who came as refugees to England between May and December 1709, for whose support, provision, and settlement the Government made various arrangements.

The papers show their names and numbers. There were 1,283 shipped from Rotterdam on 23 May, 2,926 more on 5 June, 2,776 more on 15 July, and 1,433 on 27 July. It was proposed to fit up a large rope yard at Deptford for some of them. Some were encamped at Blackheath and some at Camberwell. On the 23rd of June 1,000 tents had been ordered for them.

An order of 28 July of the committee appointed to manage these affairs directs that 500 of the most numerous families, entirely

Protestants and as nearly related as possible, should be sent to Ireland. They were to be such as had been employed in husbandry and in the linen manufacture. Another paper shows that 800 families were actually sent.

A proposal of Col. Hunter was made in December to settle 3,000 of them in the province of New York for the production of naval stores there. This was approved of by the Council of Trade, and a scheme is given for the beneficial employment of their labour. This scheme was to be carried out and the Palatines were to sail on 2 Jan. 1709–10. (*See* letter of Robert Hunter, 17 Dec. 1709.)

There was also a proposal to settle 600 of them in the Island of Scilly.

A considerable number were sent back to Holland.

Between 16 May 1709 and 28 Jan. 1709–10 52,539*l.* had been paid by Spencer Compton, Esq., for the Palatines. [An account of these Palatines is given in *Annals of the Reign of Queen Anne* for 1709, pp. 166–168, and in *Tindal's continuation of Rapin*, Vol. II., p. 148.]

2. Establishment of the garrisons from which the reductions are to be made to bring the charge thereof within the sum of 23,400*l.* voted by Parliament for that use. After 1708. 3 *pages.*

3. Petitions of Captain John Davys to the House of Commons, and to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland. Also two resolutions of the House.

There are further a similar petition of Lieut. Thomas Denny, and two certificates relative to his half-pay of 3*s.* a day. ? 1709.

4. Draft of warrant [to the Attorney General] to prepare a bill to discharge certain lands in Denton, and a messuage at Great Yarmouth, in the county of Norfolk, of which lands, &c. Samuel Pacy, late of "Lowestoff," in the co. of Suffolk, Esq., died possessed, and of which Nathaniel Newton, of Beccles, in the same county, was the purchaser. ? 1709. 3¼ *pages.*

5. "Abstract of y^e monys chargeable to several regiments under M^r Brydge's care for arms, &c. d̄d out of her Ma^{ty's} stores, according to an acco^t thereof exhibited from y^e Board of Ordnance, shewing how much thereof has been deducted from the said regiments, and what remains to be deducted." ? 1709. [The date inferred from many of the names of the Colonels agreeing with a list of the land forces in the *Present State of Great Britain* for 1708, pp. 622 *et seq.*, and a few of the regiments having changed their colonels.] 1¼ *pages.*

6. List of pensions granted out of the revenues of Ireland since the year 1703. ? 1709. 3 *pages.*

7. Memorial of Lady Mary Cochran and William Cochran, Esq., her husband. The deceased Alex^r, Earl of Kincarden, her father, attended King Charles II. in exile, and there contracted debts which swallowed up his estate. He was at that time married to Mons. Summerdike's daughter, with whom he had a very great portion, half of which he lent to the King, who in consideration thereof

settled upon Lady Mary's brother Alexander a pension of 500*l.* per ann.; and her Majesty having settled the same pension [or rather a like pension] on him, 9,000*l.* were owing on these two pensions. Her Majesty had promised to continue the pension of her brother to the Lady Mary. Mr Cochran being a freeholder in four counties in Scotland, joined his interest with those recommended by her Majesty's servants, who were every one elected. At the last election of the nobility, he also brought over Lord Temple to vote for the Queen's servants. Mr Cochran, being tutor or guardian to the Earl of Dundonald, who voted at the last election of the nobility, was summoned in December last to appear before the House of Lords by the Earl of Glasgow and others, to prove that the Earl of Dundonald was not of age, where he had ever since attended; and had not Mr Cochran come, the Earls of Lowden, Glasgow, and Weymess would have been thrust out of the House of Peers, they having carried their election by only one vote. Mr Cochran had likewise lost two sons in her Majesty's service within the last two years; one of them, Lieut. of the Eagle man-of-war, was drowned with Sir Cloudesley Shovel, the other, a cornet in Lord Stair's dragoons, was drowned on the coast of Holland, whilst carrying over recruits. Mr Cochran had the burgh of Culross in Scotland entirely depending on him. As to Sir Alexander Bruce's pretensions to be Earl of Kincarden, the last Scotch parliament remitted the point of right to the Lords of Session, who decreed that the honours of the Earl of Kincarden were legally conveyed to memorialist's wife and her heirs, and as to Sir Alexander's pretensions to any part of the pension, he had opposed the Union with all the interest he could make, at the same time that the memorialist was sent to the shire of Air to prevent their signing an address against the Union, which he accomplished. [Undated, but Sir Cloudesley Shovel was lost 21 Oct. 1707, and this appears to be about two years after, viz. 1709.] 2 *pages.*

8. Memorial of Mr William Drummond, Warden of Her Majesty's Mint at Edinburgh, to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays to be preferred to the office of master and worker of the Mint at Edinburgh, vacant by the death of George Allardise. The Mint at Edinburgh had been assimilated to that at the Tower, and there had been 320,995*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* coined up to Dec. 1708. ? End of 1709. Compare *North Britain Book,* Vol. II., p. 164. 1 *page.*

9. Copy of an order of the Court of Exchequer, dated in 1709, in relation to some goods seized by the officers of the Customs at Penzance, and claimed as perquisites of the Admiralty.
The copy probably made later. 1 *page.*

10. Proposal for raising 245,000*l.* by laying a duty on the retailers of ale, beer, brandy, and strong waters, for licences yearly. Undated. 2 *pages.*

11. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. James Campbell to the Queen, praying for a brevet as colonel, as he was promised by the Duke of Marlborough at the battle of Mons. Undated. 1 *page.*

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12. A proposal "to render the paying interest every 3/m on Navy Bills practicable and easy." 1 *large page.*

13. Petition of Matthew Poole, late Captain Lieut. and Adjutant in Col. Toby Caulfield's regiment of foot, complaining that the Col. had deprived him of his post as adjutant, and would not pay him the disbursements he had made out of his own pocket for subsisting his company in Spain after the Col. was taken prisoner; prays a stop to be put on money payable by the Government to the Col., to satisfy his (the Adjutant's) demands, and that he might be provided for in H.M. service.

His acc^{t} of disbursements. 9 *pages or parts.*

14. Representation to the Right Hon^{ble} the Barons of Exchequer by Alex^{r} Kirkwood as to his office of clerk to the "Burrow rolls" of Scotland, 1709. And an affidavit as to the loss of his fees since the Union, &c. 2 *parts of pages.*

15. An establishment of officers and other persons for the service of a train of artillery in Spain, consisting of twenty field pieces. 2 *pages.*

16. Memorial of M^{r} Lionel Herne and M^{r} Samuel Edwards to the L^{d} High Treasurer to be appointed to offices in connection with the circulation of new Exchequer bills for 2,500,000*l.* intended to be issued for the service of the war. [They had held office for 12 years since the Exchequer bills were first issued in 1697.]

Minuted :—"My Lord having consulted the bank on this peticõn, they are of opinion that the pet^{rs} are y^{e} fittest psons that can be employed in this service." 1 *page.*

17. Account of what remains due to clear the fees and salaries at the Exchequer to Christmas 1709. 1½ *pages.*

18. Several papers relating to funds for the public service, grants by Parliament for forces in Spain and Portugal, apportionment of remainder of funds, &c.

19. An account of the several sums demanded by M^{r} Howe for subsistence for the troops under his care for the year 1709. 1½ *pages.*

20. An account of some extraordinary charges of the war already incurred and not provided for by Parliament.

Particulars of the sum of 301,748*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* granted by Parliament for the extraordinaries of the war, anno 1709. 5 *pages.*

21. An account of her Majesty's proportion of subsidies payable to the allies pursuant to the treaties, for the year 1709. 1 *page.*

22. "An abstract of the several patents for the office of King and Queen's printers." Undated. 1½ *pages.*

23. A saving proposed to be made on the establishment of guards and garrisons, towards defraying the charge of the garrison of

Annapolis, and for other uses. [Undated, but 1709 or later, as Mordant, who is mentioned in the paper, was then made Lieut.-General.] 1 *page.*

24. Petition of John Owen, "chirurgeon" general of the Carbineer Islands in Newfoundland, for the expenses of his voyage from Newfoundland, coming with letters to her Majesty and the Earl of Sunderland on the taking of Fort William. 1½ *pages.*

25. State of the remittances for Holland and Flanders. Also memoranda of what was saved on the Lisbon exchange, &c. 1 *page.*

26. "An essay how to raise above one million sterling per annum by an equal and easy tax."

The tax proposed was upon hides. Undated. An Act for laying duties on hides was passed in 1710. See *Historical Accounts of all Taxes* (printed 1735), p. 358. 3 *pages.*

27. Memorial of Sir Robert Forbes and James Grahame, Esquire, judges of the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer, for a suitable salary to be annexed to the office. 1709.

[The particulars of a further application on this subject are entered in *North Britain book,* Vol. II., p. 164.] 1 *page.*

28. "Warrant for a gift of the office of Chamberlainary of Fyfe to the Earl of Roseberry. 1709." Unsigned and dates not filled in. 1 *large page.*

29. Two certificates in favour of the four orphans of Lieut. John Calder, killed by the enemy in a campaign in the year 1708, viz., for continuing to them the pension granted to the widow (who had also died). 2 *pages.*

30. "Copies of two memorials from the Postmasters General about the office of Postmaster at Edinburgh, and for a warrant for passing the letters of the Duke of Queensborough's office in like manner with the other two Secretaries of State." ? Enclosures in some paper for the year 1709. 4½ *pages.*

31. Letter of [M. de] Medina to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining that there was due to him 30,325*l.* 15*s.* on account of advances for bread and bread waggons, and begging his Lordship to order him 20,000*l.* in Exchequer bills without delay. He would wait for three or four weeks for the remainder, and solemnly declared that his occasions were so very pressing that they could not admit of longer delay. Perhaps 1709 or 1710. 1 *page.*

32. Abstract of several commissions for Scotland for grant of pensions. 1709 by comparison with *North Britain book,* Vol. II. 1¼ *pages.*

33. State of the off reckonings of the French regiment of dragoons sent under the Earl of Rivers anno. 1706. ? Drawn out in 1708 or 1709. 1 *page.*

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34. Account of money ordered and expended for carrying on prosecutions for riots or any other prosecutions, ordered since her Majesty's accession by the crown, or carried on at the expense of the Crown, "that have concerned any borough or place that have right to send members to Parliament." Undated, but ? 1709. 1 *page.*

35. The case of William Eliot, John Mac Culloch, and John Graham, sureties for Robert Elliot, late collector of the salt duties at Portsea. 1 *page.*

36. An estimate of the sums necessary to be supplied to the paymr of the guards, garrisons, &c., for the service to the 22th of December 1710. ? End of 1709 or beginning of 1710. 1 *page.*

37. "An estimate of the charge of the office of Her Majties Ordnance for the year 1710. For land service." 1 *page.*

38. "Accompt of sums appropriated for payment of English debts, and to continue to Augt 1710 or thereabouts."

"An estimate of what may be the smallest quota of an equivalent to be demanded by Scotland on accot of taking a proporc͞onable burthen of the debts of England contracted before the Union of the two kingdoms." ? 1708 or 1709. 2 *pages.*

39. "An accot of some extraordinaries of the war not provided for by Parliamt, as far as they have been hitherto adjusted."

"Expenses of the war not yet incurred," and "An abstract showing the disposition of the two sums following (220,000*l.* and 50,000*l.*) granted last session of Parliamt for services of the war in the Low Countries." ? End of 1709 or later. 3 *pages.*

40. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer (Godolphin) from Francis Brydges, Esq., cashier to the Comrs for management of the salt duties, for an addition to his salary to pay his clerks, &c. Undated, but ? 1709 or 1710, in Godolphin's time.

Minuted:—"16 Jan. 1712. My Lord will speak to ye Comrs when they come. 400li per ann. for himself & assistants." 1 *page.*

41. Copy of report of the Board of General Officers to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) on the petition of Captain Richard Woolsley as to his commission in Brigadier Wolsely's regiment, as to money expended by him in supporting the title to forfeited lands taken away by the act of resumption, as to his half-pay, &c. ? 1709 or 1710. [The Earl of Wharton then Lord Lieut.] 2 *pages.*

42. Certificate of S. Godolphin, Auditor to the Paymasters General of the forces in Ireland, that George Howell, Esq., late Recr Genl of land tax for Cardigan, Carmarthen, Glamorgan, and Pembroke, had supplied a certain sum for raising recruits. Undated, but ? 1709 or 1710. 1 *page.*

43. Petition of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster to the Ld Treasurer (Godolphin). There was in a chapel at Whitehall a

marble altar piece, that was afterwards removed to Hampton Court Palace, and had remained in the stores there for many years; pray that he will intercede with her Majesty to give the same to their church, as a lasting monument of her royal munificence. Perhaps about 1709 or 1710.

Minuted:—"The Queen is pleased to grant this." 1 *page.*

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Jan. 3. 1. Lord Chief Baron J. Smith (Scotland) to M^{r} Baron Scrope. Some of the principal merchants desired to come to a composition in relation to the late seizures [of wines], and were willing to advance pretty considerably above the Spanish duty, and if they could agree as to the *quantum* a composition might be arrived at. The difficulty in these cases was, that the Crown had a fine instead of a duty, which would make these compositions turn to the diminution of the Customs, &c. Had received the warrants for payment of the invalids, and to empower them [*i.e.*, the barons] to act in disposing of the "bursarys," &c. Had written to the Lord Treasurer in relation to the compositions. Would trouble him ere long in relation to some conferences with the Lords of Sessions about the extent of the jurisdiction of their court. Dated 3 Jan. 1709. 2½ *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 3. 2. The same to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the subject of the composition referred to, and much to the same effect as the last. Two of the most considerable merchants were willing to pay 30*l.* a ton, which was about 8*l.* more than the Spanish duty, and he did not know but that they might be brought to do something higher. Same date. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 3. "Extract of Coll^{o} Park, his com̃ission for being Gov^{r} of y^{e} Leward Charibbee Islands in America, bearing date in April 1705." Certified as a true copy 4 Jan. 1709–10. ½ *page.*

Jan. 6. 4. Report of Charles Dering, Auditor General, to the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of John Pratt, Esq., Constable of the Castle of Dublin, praying to be allowed 10*s.* a day (the former salary of the office) instead of 20*l.* per ann. which he enjoyed; advising that her Majesty might reasonably grant the allowance prayed for, from the death of Lady Stephens, relict of Sir John Stephens, previous governor, whose lady had a pension in consideration of the services of her husband. Dated 6 Jan. 1709. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 9. 5. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the R^{t} Hon. the Earl of Rochester, in respect to certain coppices in Whichwood forest, co. Oxon. It being desired to add two new lives after the petitioner, the surveyor thought the estate might reasonably be granted for a fine of 350*l.*, reserving the old rent of 40*l.* a year. Dated 9 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"Approved."

The memorial, also a warrant from the Lord High Treasurer for making a new lease for 99 years to the memorialist. Dated 5 April 1710. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 6. Officers of Ordnance to the Duke of Marlborough. Representing the necessities of their office. The artificers were nearly two years behind in payment, their debentures carried no interest; some had been sold at 30 per cent. discount. The Lord High Treasurer had been pressed to order 90,000*l.*, but had ordered them to dispose of tallies for 30,000*l.* which the Bank had promised to discount, but had only paid 8,000*l.* This 30,000*l.* would only pay bills of exchange, subsist the trains abroad, &c. It was absolutely necessary that 37,000*l.* should be speedily paid to the artificers, and it was reasonable that their debentures should carry interest equal with the Navy and other offices. Dated 14 Jan. 1709–10. 1 *page.*

Jan. 16. 7. "A comparison of the two lottery annuitys with a fund of redeemable interest at 4, 5 and 8 ꝑ cent. ꝑ annum for 16, 32, 42 and 99 years in way of amount or increase."

Similar comparison in way of rebate. January 16, 1708–10. 2 *large pages.*

Jan. 17. 8. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had referred the petition of Captain George Lyndon to the Lords Justices of Ireland, whose letter with the report of the Auditor General he enclosed and agreed with the grant of a pension of 3*s.* a day as advised. Dated 17 Jan. 1709–10.

The letter of the Lords Justices and the petition, but the report is not with them. 3 *pages.*

[The warrant for this pension is entered in the *Irish Book*, Vol. VI., p. 168.]

Jan. 17. 9. Thomas Sleford to the Lord High Treasurer. As several branches of the public credit were at a discount, and some very high, he proposed a remedy. Dated 17 Jan. 1709.

Docquetted:—"Mr Sleford's proposal for raising money."

The proposal referred to. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 10. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Susan and Jacob Meares, relating to Mr Dummer's contract with the Post Office to carry the West India correspondence, on Mr Dummer's answer thereto, and on Mrs Meares' rejoinder. Mr Dummer had entered into partnership with the above persons without the knowledge of the postmasters, who had since endeavoured unsuccessfully to get the differences between them settled by arbitration. They (the postmasters) were of opinion that the carrying on of trade by the packet boats was a detriment to the correspondence by delaying the sailing of the boats.

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The postage of letters and freight of passengers was 5,000*l.* deficient in two years, which was deducted from Mr Dummer's allowance of 12,000*l.* per annum out of the Post Office. The contract was cancelled, and a new one entered on. Mr Dummer acted very unfairly in not communicating with his partners upon the new contract, and they appeared entitled to a share in the same, and to a proportion of her Majesty's favour in remitting the deficiency in the former one. Dated 18 Jan. 1709. 4½ *pages.*

There are also some other comments in relation to the arbitration. ¾ *pages.*

Jan. 20. 11. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition to her Majesty of Alexander Rippon and Robert Duncomb, for themselves and others. Petitioners' ships were seized by a French privateer, and they ransomed them sending the mates as hostages, who remained at Calais in great misery. The wines on board the ships being afterwards seized by the officers of customs, the owners refused to pay the ransom. Though the case was very compassionate, yet as the duties were strictly appropriated by Parliament, they did not see how the petitioners could be relieved. Dated 20 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"5 Apr. 1710. My Lord agrees in opinion with ye Comrs of Customes." 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 12. Memorial of several members of the House of Commons (Ireland) to the Lord Lieut. (Wharton) respecting encouragement of the manufacture of linen cloth in Ireland. In the Linen Bill passed the last session, the word "importer" was, in the engrossment of the bill in England, inserted by mistake instead of the word "exporter," by which the intended encouragement was taken away. There is a note of its delivery on the back, on 20 Jan. 1709. 1 *page.*

Jan. 20. 13. Report of the Auditor General (Charles Dering) to the Lords Justices of Ireland on the petition of Edward Carr and William Cliffe, Esqres, administrators of William Carr, Esq., deceased, praying payment of an arrear of pension of 300*l.* per ann. granted to the deceased: notifying what would be due if the Queen thought fit to allow the claim. Dated 20 Jan. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 14. Report of certain Commrs (of whom the Archbishop of Canterbury was one) to her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State (Sunderland), respecting the amount collected on account of the storm brief, as well as the amount distributed to those left in distress by the dreadful storm in November 1703. Dated 21 Jan. 1709–10.

Also the particular of the receipts and disbursements, and a petition of the poor widows, mothers, and orphans. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 15. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer in relation to the frequent applications they received from collectors of the out-ports, for an augmentation of their salaries. They observed that the salaries were not always proportioned to the service of the ports, and to the hazard the collectors ran in remitting the money to the Receiver General. Conceived it might be very much for the service, that whilst patents were granted for customers where an out-port collection became vacant, the customer should be obliged to do the duty of collector, by himself or sufficient deputy, for his patent salary and fees, with such an allowance for clerks as his L^{p} thought meet, &c. Dated 23 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 31 Jan. 1709. When there happens a vacancy of a coll^{r}, my Lord will consider the particular case as to that port." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 23. 16. Henry Bagshaw to William Lowndes, Esq. "Proposal to raise a yearly fund of at least 60,000^{li} and probably 100,000^{li} per ann. without charge in collecting or any damage to trade." The proposal was to put a three half-crown stamp on all licences of retailers of ale and beer, and on coffee houses and retailers of punch. Dated 23 Jan. 1709. 1 *page.*

Jan. 24 17. The Earl of Sunderland's reference to the Lord High Treasurer of the petition of William Hamill, agent and trustee for the officers and soldiers that served in the garrisons of Londonderry and "Inneskilling." Dated [24] Jan. 1709–10.

The petition, in which Hamill says he had expended 4,000*l.* about this business.

Similar reference and copy of petition to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. 4 *pages.*

[400*l.* bounty was granted to William Hamill out of the revenues of Ireland by warrant of 16 May 1710. See *Irish Book,* Vol. 6, p. 187.]

Jan. 25. 18. Affidavit of Daniel Heatly, gent., clerk and deputy in the Cursitor's Office, as to the falling off in the receipts of the office by the passing of the Act against the further growth of popery and the Act for recovery of civil bills. Dated 25 Jan. 1709. 1 *page.*

Jan. 26. 19. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of the incident charges of their office. Dated 26 Jan. 1709. 1 *page.*

[After Jan. 26.] 20. Order in Council on the petition of the owners, freighters, and others concerned in the ship Worcester seized, condemned, and sold in Scotland, the commander whereof was executed: referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer to examine and report thereon. Dated 26 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"My Lord directs that an account be laid before him of what remaines due to seamen of the ship Worc^{r}. and how much they rec̃d out of the money that has been already paid to the owners & freighters."

Report made thereon (unsigned and undated), the petition above referred to, and two other petitions on the same subject. 6¼ *pages.*

Jan. 26. 21. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. Acquaint him for his Lordship's information in respect to the petition of Edward Harle, Esq., what the state of the case between him and the Com^{rs} was, He failed in a contract to supply pork for the navy, which failure had resulted in a suit against him. Dated 26 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Jan^{ry} 1709."

The petition. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 27. 22. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Joseph Addison, Esq., who by the surrender of Cusac Baldwin was in possession of the office of Keeper of the Records in the Birmingham Tower in Ireland. To make the office thoroughly useful, it was necessary that the papers and records there should be carefully examined, methodically digested, faithfully transcribed, and referred to in proper catalogues, which would require several hands and a diligent attendance. The petitioner asked for a suitable salary. The Lord Lieut. approved of the work being proceeded with, and advised that a salary of 500*l.* a year should be given for the same, to be continued only during the petitioner's life. Dated London, 27 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the Queen. 400^{li} a year."

The petition. 4 *pages*.

[The warrant for the 400*l.* a year is entered in the *Irish Book*, Vol. 6, p. 148.]

Jan. 27. 23. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Recommends Captain de Lom to be replaced upon the military list of the establishment at 3*s.* 6*d.* a day. Dated London, 27 Jan. 1709–10. 2 *pages, quarto*.

[The warrant for this 3*s.* 6*d.* a day is entered in *Irish Book*, Vol. 6, p. 154.]

Jan. 28. 24. N. S. to William Lowndes, Esq., M.P. Proposes a duty of 1*d.* or 2*d.* a pound on "castle soap," and 2*s.* or more on journeymen tailors, in consideration of an Act to be passed to prevent women and girls making mantos (mantles) and petticoats. These young women were many of them such as were proud and lazy, and would not go to service. He also proposes a duty on wigs, shoes, "firbulo" scarfs, and 12*d.* in the pound on the incomes of all ministers in the Church of England and on Presbyterians. Dated 28 Jan. 1709. 1 *page*.

Jan. 28. 25. Report of William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Byerley, Esq., Collector and Receiver General of her Majesty's Revenues in New York, whose salary was paid to Com^{rs} executing the office till his arrival. He was afterwards suspended from his office by Lord Cornbury, and claimed his salary during both the times of his suspension. His salary had been paid to Peter Fauconier, who fulfilled the duties. There was no direct precedent for the case, but it was usual on the death of a governor in the plantations for his successor to allow one moiety of his salary to the person executing the office. Leaves the matter to be settled by his Lordship. Dated 28 Jan. 1709.

Minuted:—"28 Aug^{t} 1710. Agreed according to y^{e} report." [The meaning of this minute is not very clear.]

The petition. 4 *pages*.

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Jan. 30. 26. Lord Chamberlain (Kent) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. By her Majesty's command had agreed with M^{r} Hubert for two diamond rings of 200*l.* each, which had been presented by the Queen respectively to Mons. De Sand, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Mecklenburgh, and Baron Haguen, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of "Wolfenbottle." Desired his Lordship to order the payment. Dated 30 Jan. 1709–10. 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 27. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends the petition of Captain Pratt, Constable of Dublin Castle, with a letter from the Lords Justices and the report of the Auditor General of Ireland, which shows that the petitioner's predecessor had an allowance of 10*s.* a day. Submits to his Lordship the propriety of granting the same to the petitioner. Dated London, Jan. 31, 1709.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. 1710. My Lord cannot advise this." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 31. 28. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lord Lieut. on the petition of Thomas Carr, Esq. They referred the same to the Attorney General for Ireland by whose report (enclosed) the Lord Lieut. would see that the petitioner's office of Cursitor, before the passing the Acts against the further growth of popery, and for recovery of debts by civil bills, amounted to about 300*l.* per ann., but was and would be diminished about one-fifth. 800*l.* would be a reasonable compensation to him. Dated Dublin Castle, 31 Jan. 1709.

The report referred to. 4 *pages.*

[There is a warrant dated 26 Apr. 1710 for the payment of 800*l.* to him in the *Irish Book*, Vol. 6, p. 162.]

Jan. 31. 29. Peter Shakerley to William Lowndes, Esq. The merchants of the city of Chester were much damaged in their shipping in that port by the loading places being so exposed to the westerly winds, and they had been at great expense in suing out a commission for appointing other places nearer the city, where their ships might lie in safety. The commission was executed and returned to the Exchequer in due form, but was removed to the Custom House and there detained. Asks that the enclosed papers which were copies of what were sent might be laid before the Lord High Treasurer (the originals being mislaid) for the despatch of his L$^{p's}$ orders thereon. Dated Westminster, 31 Jan. 1709.

The papers mentioned, which show the boundaries of the places referred to.

Minuted:—"The reports of y^{e} Com^{rs} and officers are to be lookt out, or copys of them sent from the Com^{rs}." 5 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 30. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer. Their opinion was, that the pixes of both the Mints (viz. at Edinburgh and the Tower) should be tried together at Westminster, in one of her Majesty's houses, after the usual manner, so that the offices of the Mint at Edinburgh might have timely notice to send or bring up their pix to London. A new furnace should be erected for the purpose. Dated 31 Jan. 1709.

There are two minutes on the back. The second is:—“6 May 1710. My Lord will speak to my Lord Chancr to appoint some day in the beginning of August.” 1 *page.*

? Jan. 31. S. de Medina to the Duke of Marlborough. Asks him to represent to her Majesty the expense and extraordinary loss of the petitioner during the last campaign, in order that he might be paid 219,866 florins as by the account annexed.

The account referred to. (Both French.) 4 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 32. Certificate of Col. J. Dudley that John Bridger, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General, had been 105 days to the eastward at Piscataqua, Newichawanock, Exeter, Cochecho, York, &c, for tho preservation of her Majesty's woods. It was a chargeable and hazardous duty. Dated Boston, 4 Feb. 1709. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 6. 33. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Povey, who had taken upon himself to set up a foot post, under the name of the half-penny carriage, and had appointed receiving-houses and several persons to receive and deliver letters for hire within the cities of London and Westminster and borough of Southwark. They (the Postmasters) had served him with a notice that he would be prosecuted if he did not desist on which he acquainted them (the Postmasters) he should not lay down the undertaking on their demand; that his case was not as Mr Dockwra's was, neither did we live under such a constitution as he did, when the penny post was first set up (that is, an arbitrary Government and bribed judges). He was ready to try the matter by law. They thereupon gave notice in the Gazette of Mr Povey's illegal undertaking, on which he printed his case in a public newspaper, and in a ridiculing and insulting manner, insinuated that if they composed the advertisement, they should be looked on as chargeable with the highest indiscretion, and it might rather be thought that some knavish solicitor was the author of it, &c. Mr Povey was served with a subpœna, as well as all the shopkeepers who had the receiving-houses. The latter desisted, but Mr Povey and his messengers continued to receive and deliver letters to the prejudice of the revenue of the Post Office. Mr Povey made the proposal to them (the Postmasters) referred to in his petition, but had misrepresented their answer. They had told him they could not enter into any treaty with him till the matter depending were determined by law, as other persons with as much right might set up a like project. They were of opinion that it was not advisable to enter into any treaty with him upon his proposals till the matter was decided by law. Dated 6 Feb. 1709.

The petition. 5 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 34. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. By the Duke of Marlborough's directions they lay before his Lp the balances of account due from “Mr Mordaunt, Treasurer;” and from “Mr Berty, Treasurer,” and ask for directions. Dated 7 Feb. 1709–10.

Minuted:—“10 Febry 1709. Write to these Trearērs to pay their ballances.” 1 *page.*

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1709-10. Feb. 8. 35. Mr Burchett to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Had received his letter with the copy of presentment from the Comrs of Customs and copies of affidavits. The commanders of some of her Majesty's ships had refused to permit the officers of customs to carry into her Majesty's warehouse the goods found on board them, to secure the customs therefrom. Orders had already been given to the captains of her Majesty's ships to permit the officers of customs to come on board, search and take account of the goods, but as to carrying them to the warehouse, the captains had no directions, nor did their Lordps of the Admiralty think it was intended that when ships came into port to be cleaned or refitted, the small quantities of wines or brandy which the captains and officers had purchased for sea store should be taken out to pay customs thereon. If the "Nonsuch" had not sailed their Lps would have made a strict inquiry as to the brandy on board, which their Lps did think was a great quantity, and the captain would have been punished if he could not have given satisfactory reasons for the same. The "Colchester" had come up the river to be refitted, and the Spanish wine was for the captain's sea store. Their Lps would always punish any attempts to defraud the customs by trafficking in these sea stores. Dated Admiralty Office, 8 Feb. 1709-10.

The presentment and copies of four other documents. 9 *pages.*

Feb. 7 & 9. 36. G. Whitcot to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Recommends his friend and countryman Mr John Clarke for an appointment as Queen's waiter or land-waiter. (Two letters.) Dated 7 and 9 Feb. 1709. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 37. Mr Burchet to Mr Lowndes. As to the issue of off-reckonings for the clothing of the marine regiments. Dated 10 Feb. 1709-10. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 11. 38. Comrs for Sick and Wounded to Mr Lowndes. Had examined the petition of Isaac Teal, apothecary of the army, concerning necessaries provided by him for Brigadier Whetham's expedition, which necessaries (the expedition being laid aside) were delivered to the Comrs, and a good part made use of in Portugal. They could only pay him according to the course of the office, except the Ld High Treasurer ordered them the money. Dated 11 Feb. 1709-10.

Minuted:—"Read 20 Feb. 1709."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

April 5, 1707 Feb. 11, 1709-10. 39. Copy of instructions to the agents for sick and wounded seaman at Port Mahon, Minorca, Gibraltar, and Lisbon. The earliest is dated 5 April 1707 and the latest 11 Feb. 1709-10. 21 *pages.*

Feb. 13. 40. The memorial of the Postmasters General [to the Lord High Treasurer] for remitting the taxes laid on their officers' salaries, as by the annexed account of the taxes assessed on the clerks of the General Post Office for the year 1709. Dated 13 Feb. 1709. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 13. 41. Report of the Controllers of the army to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Captain William Ince, late Captain "en second" in the Lord Mountjoy's regiment, as to levy money detained from him, and abstracts of accounts refused him. Dated 13 Feb. 1709–10.

Minuted:—"Read 18 July 1710. My Lord thinks it is not in his power to make any order upon this report, but the pet^{r} (if he thinks fitt) may apply to the gen^{ll} officers. But direct y^{e} compt^{rs} to inquire & certifie to my Lord how the muster rolls come to differ."

The memorial and a state of the accounts. 5 *pages*.

Feb. 13. 42. Report of M^{r} Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer on the candle duty, and the revenues under the care of the Excise. Dated 13 Feb. 1709.

He observes:—"That in most cases when dutyes are laid on retaylers, the subject payes twice as much as the publique receives: a duty of $\frac{1}{2}$*d* p li. on candles will raise the chandlers price 1*d*. p lib. The 3*d*. p bar. on ale now granting has already in severall places raised that comodity $\frac{1}{2}$*d*. per quart, soe that for the addicõn of 3*d*. p barrell, the subject in y^{e} latter instance payes 5*s*. 4*d*." 6 *pages*.

Feb. 14. 43. A memorandum as to bills received by William Sloper from Henry Furnese, Bart. for the use of the Hon. James Brydges, Esq. Dated 14 Feb. 1709–10. 1 *page, quarto*.

Feb. 16. 44. Report of Sir Isaac Newton to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of James Allardes, son and representative to George Allardes, deceased, late master of the Mint in Edinburgh, about the allowance to be made in the accounts for the late coinage of silver moneys at Edinburgh: the question being whether he should be allowed according to the course of accounting in Scotland before the Union, or according to the course in the Tower of London. Shows the difference there would be in three methods of accounting. The amount coined was 104,227^{cwt}. 10^{oz} Troy. For paying all the accounts relating to that coinage, there was a deficiency in the funds of about 2,000 or 3,000*l*. Dated 16 Feb. 1709–10.

Copies of three clauses: (1) from the indenture of the Mint; (2) from her Majesty's warrant; (3) from a Scotch Act of Parliament. All the above are in Newton's hand.

"Minutes of the procedure of the Committee of Counsell, anent the Mint, with y^{e} report to the counsell y^{r}of and the counsells approbation of the same and exoneration to the officers of the Mint, 1707."

The petition above referred to. $14\frac{3}{4}$ *pages*.

Feb. 17. 45. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer in relation to their powers to remove from men-of-war into her Majesty's store houses all goods and merchandize prohibited and uncustomed. They had instructed their solicitor to prosecute the commanders of the "Colchester" and the "Nonsuch" for the wines, &c. on board their ships. Dated 17 Feb. 1709. 2 *pages*.

Minuted:—"Read 23th Feb. 1709."

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[? About Feb. 17.] 46. "An account showing what publique funds are now in being, how farr they are incumbered, and what are or are not appropriated."

At the end is:—"The accot whereof this is a copy was by me p̃sented to ye House on ye 17th Feb. 1709. W. L." 7 *large pages, imperfect.*

Feb. 18. 47. Comrs of Excise (Edinburgh) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had paid to Archibald Douglass, of Cavers, Esq., 6,071*l.* for payment of fees, salaries, and other charges for keeping the Courts of Session, Justiciary, and Exchequer. Dated Edinburgh, 18 Feb. 1709–10. 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 48. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Sends copies of two reports touching the seizure of a ship of the enemy by Captain Wood and others, that the Lord High Treasurer might consider what was proper to be allowed for the seizure: a claim having been made to the Admiralty for the same. Dated Admiralty Office, 20 Feb. 1709–10. 3¼ *pages.*

Feb. 22. 49. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits the report of the Auditor General of Ireland, and a letter from the Lords Justices upon the petition of Thomas Burdet, Esq., and Honor, Countess of Ardglass. Offers no objection. Dated London, 22 Feb. 1709.

The petition, which prays for arrears of a pension due to the Countess from 1688 to 1694: also the report of the Lords Justices and the Auditor General on the same subject. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 50. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the petition of Sir Godfry Webster, Sir Thomas Webster, Sir Ranalph Knipe, and John Denew, owners of the "Yarmouth" frigate, for consideration on account of the delay of their ship employed in carrying stores to Kinsale Yard. Dated 24 Feb. 1709–10.

Feb. 28. 51. Accounts of receipts and payments by the executrix of Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., late Treasurer of her Majesty's navy. 31 Jan. to 28 Feb. 1709. 2 *large pages.*

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March 3. 1. Affidavit of Captain James Abercrombie, of the Right Hon. the Earl of Portmore's Regiment, giving the particulars of an assault, for which he and his bail were estreated in the Exchequer, having forfeited their recognizances. Being unacquainted with the laws of this kingdom, thought that proceeding had always stopped when both parties were agreed. Sworn 3 March 1709. 1 *page.*

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March 6. 2. The Earl of Lauderdale to Lord ——— Sends a memorial concerning the Mint at Edinburgh. There are some offices in the Mint which do not appear to be so very necessary, viz., the clerk of the bullion at 27*l*. 15*s*. a year, and three clerks each at 40*l*. a year. Dated Edinburgh, 6 Mar. 1710.

The memorial of the officers of the Mint at Edinburgh, signed by the same Earl, to the Earl Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain, for directions to be given for their salaries and for making master puncheons, &c. 2 *pages*.

March 6. 3. "Lista of all y^e^ Imp^ll^ regiments, and where they stand. 6 Mar. 1709." 4 *pages*.

March 7. 4. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose and approve a petition and proposal by merchants of Ireland for a bill to prevent the running of tobacco on the northern coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. Dated Dublin, 7 March 1709.

The papers referred to. 4 *pages*.

March 11. 5. Certificate of Philip Tullie, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, of the amount of surplusage due and not allowed to Sir William Robinson, Knt., late a commissary general of provisions for the army in Ireland. Dated 11 March 1709. ½ *page*.

March 16. 6. Report of M^r^ William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on two memorials of Col. Spotswood, Lieut.-Governor of Virginia, one praying that 150*l*. per ann. formerly granted to governors of that colony for house-rent might be continued for two years, the other for the royal bounty and allowance, towards the charge of his equipage and transport to his Government. Approves of the grant of the same. Dated Whitehall, 16 March 1709–10.

The two memorials, and a letter referring the same. 5 *pages*.

March 17. 7. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Goldney of Bristol, merchant, advising, in conformity with the prayer of the petition, that he should be set at liberty from his confinement to look after his distracted affairs, and take care of his wife and nine children. He was imprisoned for a debt of 9,500*l*. The Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer had recommended his enlargement. Dated 17 March 1709.

Minuted:—"25 Apr. 1710. A lre sent to Att. to prepare the w^t^ & bond."

The petition. 3½ *pages*.

March 20. 8. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Had laid before her Majesty the bill of D^r^ John Robinson, desiring allowance for several sums. One of the articles in the account recommended to be allowed is 267*l*. 7*s*. on account of a journey to Holland to confer with the Duke of Marlborough. Her Majesty wished the amount to be paid. Dated Whitehall, 20 March 1709–10. 2 *pages*.

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March 21. 9. Representation of officers of the Customs to William Lowndes, Esq. Some gentlemen of the House of Commons had said the fees paid to the officers of Customs amounted to 100,000*l.* per ann. All the fees in reality for the port of London did not amount to 10,000*l.* per ann.; and the 5 per cent. allowed to the merchant upon the Customs came to upwards of 40,000*l.* per ann. Gratuities were the voluntary acts of the merchants, when they thought themselves served with despatch by other officers appointed by the Com^rs^. Dated London, 21 March 1709. 1 *page.*

March 22. 10. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the representation of the Com^rs^ of Trade and Plantations, made upon a memorial of the merchants of Whitehaven, who complained of an illegal trade carried on at the Isle of Man, by running great quantities of tobacco and other goods into the northern ports of Great Britain and Ireland; sending certain clauses to be offered to Parliament thereon. The loss of the tobacco trade at Whitehaven in their opinion was in great measure occasioned by the Union. The trade at Glasgow had increased nearly as much as it had decreased at Whitehaven. Dated 22 March 1709.

The clauses referred to. 2 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

March 22. 11. Statement of the expenses for public services for the year 1709. Dated 22 March 1709–10. 2 *pages.*

March 22. 12. Report of the Com^rs^ of Victualling the Navy to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^r^ James Milner of London, merchant, for allowance on certain bills of exchange. Dated 22 Mar. 1709–10.

Accompanied by an account of bills of exchange drawn for the service of the victualling from Leghorn, and Lisbon, and the memorial. 4½ *pages.*

March 23. 13. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the wine imported into North Britain from S^t^ Sebastians and Bilboa, drawn as well from a memorial of M^r^ Thomas Hardwick, one of the land surveyors in London, lately in those parts upon that occasion, as from two reports of this board of 13 July and 17 Jan. last and other papers. The wines only paid duty as Spanish, but appeared to be of the growth of France, &c. M^r^ Hardwick complained of the ignorance of the officers as to their duties, &c. Dated 23 Nov. 1709.

Also, "an account of wines lately imported into North Britain seized by the officers of the Customs as French," &c.

Minuted:—"Send a copy to the Barons of Excheq^r^ and another to C. C. in North Britaine to take care, &c." 3½ *pages.*

March 23. 14. Charles Carkesse to W^m^ Lowndes, Esq. In respect to a clause for exporting coals duty free, reminding him of the presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs of 11 Jan. wherein they observed that the Sunderland and Newcastle chaldrons measured almost twice as much as the chaldron by the Winchester bushel, and coals exported from thence did not pay much above half as much duty as from other parts, to the prejudice of our manufactories and advantage of foreigners. Dated 23 March 1709. 1 *page.*

March 23. 15. Lionel Norman to William Lowndes, Esq. Details the measures he had taken to find out the clandestine ways of the smuggling traders at Glasgow, Irwin, Air and Port Patrick. Asks that accounts of imports of tobacco, &c. in Ireland from North Britain might be supplied him; would examine from the porter to the head officer in order to amend what was amiss. Dated Burrowstoness, 23 Mar. 1709–10. 1 *page.*

March 24. 16. Mr J. Taylour to the Comrs of sick and wounded. Encloses a letter in order that the allegations therein may be inquired into. Dated 24 Mar. 1709–10.

The enclosed letter is from John Martyn to the Lord High Treasurer asking his charity to release him from prison in France. Says his Lordship is a small relation of his (Martyn's) mother, who was a daughter of Sir John St Aubin's of Cornwall. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[Before March 25.] 17. Memorial of David Lindsey, merchant in Edinburgh, and Margaret Cleland, his wife, to the Lord High Treasurer. A ship and freight belonging to them had been taken by the French when transporting recruiting officers, and shortly after two others also were taken, and when his wife came from Scotland they had 10 children, and since that she had brought forth the eleventh, and they had nothing to subsist them. Prays assistance. Dated "1709–10." 1 *page.*

March 25. 18. Thomas Handasyd to Lord Godolphin. Had discoursed with Mr Onslow's attorney (Col. Thompson) as to payment of the regiment. The great mortality there was occasioned by a fever with sore throat, which had carried off a great many people, both white and black: he was afraid every fifth or sixth person. The "Laverdecrous" fleet (16 or 17 vessels) sailed from the Havannah on 7 Jan. Hoped our cruizers would meet with them. Our five men-of-war there were in a very miserable condition for want of men. They had been sadly pestered by the enemies privateers, which had taken several vessels in sight of the island. The Assembly were fitting out two cruisers. The galleon was still in Carthagena Harbour, and had on board a vast quantity of money, and there was another French ship very rich and incapable of going to sea. Mentions other vessels. Two Dutch privateers brought in a French ship laden with negroes to the number of 380, which they took off. They (the privateers) also met with the "Dymon" frigate about 10 leagues off the harbour, and exchanged several broadsides, but the Frenchmen ran away. On board were nearly 500 men. Was apprehensive that these men were intended to man the galleon or take the money. The great misfortune there was the loss of men. Had enclosed an address from the Council, &c. to the Lords of Trade, representing to her Majesty the great misfortunes of the island by death and desertion. Those who had escaped had resolved not to stay except her Majesty ordered redress. The captain of the Elton galley threatened to complain of being detained to bring the address, &c. If he should do so, he (Mr Handasyd) hoped her Majesty and his Lp would consider the necessity of the measure. Trade with the Spaniards was very dead. Hoped the Assembly would finish its sittings in ten days. Five French privateers had been taken. Endeavoured to destroy the privateers, but they swarmed around, &c. Mr Percival had succeeded the Attorney General who had died. The clerk of the Patents and Chancery had refused to act any longer; had appointed Mr Arnold Brown to supply his place till her Majesty's pleasure were known. Dated Spanish Town, 25 March 1710. 3 *pages.*

March 25. 19. Report of R. Walpole to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Charles Callaghan, who being a captain in the French service in 1703, had, on a proclamation of the Duke Schomberg, quitted that service, and was appointed captain-lieut. of Major-General Count Soromani's troop in the Portuguese service until he was made prisoner at the battle of Almanza and carried into France, where he was allowed 7*s.* 6*d.* a day until 24 July last, and now prayed continuance of the same. Mr Walpole was of opinion the engagement with him should be kept as far as possible, but upon account of his religion it was not practicable to give him any post in her Majesty's forces; his subsistence however might be paid, and be placed to the account of subsidy payable to the King of Portugal, as had been lately done in Colonel Daly's case. Dated Whitehall, 25 Mar. 1710. 2½ *pages.*

March 25. 20. A state of the debt in the office of her Majesty works to Lady-day 1710. Signed "Charles Dartiquenave." ½ *page.*

[? Before March 25.] 21. An account of how much will pay two half-years to the public ministers on their ordinary entertainment, to wit, to Michaelmas 1709 and Lady-day 1710.

Of the nature of an estimate, and shows the names of the ministers. 1 *page.*

March 25. 22. "An account of states and members letters for ye year ending the 25 March 1710."

Docquetted:—"A computation of an additional tax upon letters." 1 *page.*

March 27. 23. Memorial of Mos. Giraudau to the Lord [High Treasurer ?] for a warrant [for the allowance] of various sums in the Lord Chamberlain of the Household's department. Dated 27 Mar. 1710.

The items include the following:—

"To Charles Boit, her Mat's painter in enamell, for her Mat's picture presented to Mrs Coke, 26. 17. 0."

"To Sir Godfrey Kneller, her Mat's principall painter, for seven pictures of her Maty at whole length, presented, one to the King of Prussia, one to the Prince Royall of Prussia, one for the Duke of Marlborough, one for the Lord Townshend, one for the Earl of Galloway, one to the Swiss . . . . and one for the Vice-

Chamberlain, according to the established allowance of 50li a piece, besides fees 397. 15. 0."

There are also items for the entertainment of the Muscovite princes; and,—

"To Sir Richard Blackmore, Doctor Shadwell, Doctor Sloan, and Doctor Garth (as a present from her Maty), for their attendance on his Royll Highness in his last sickness 100li each, and the fees thereof, 430. 0. 0."

There is also a memorial to the Ld High Treasurer for a sign manual to be procured, without which the sums could not be allowed. 5½ *pages.*

March 28. 24. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer for Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on the address or petition in behalf of the General Assembly. The Church enjoyed before the Union, by Privy Seal of King Charles I., 500*l.* [per ann.?] out of the rents and revenues of Scotland, and provision for the salaries of the procurator, clerk, and agent of the Church by Act of Parliament. Since the Revolution it had been usual for the Moderator of the General Assembly to have a warrant for 400*l.* sterling, to defray the necessary charges for despatch of the affairs of the Church. It appeared to them that what was not satisfied before the Union, was stated as a public debt upon the Equivalent, and since the Union they only observed one warrant for 400*l.* For the future it appeared to them that 500*l.* per ann., added to the establishment for civil affairs, might be a suitable allowance for defraying the charges in despatching the affairs of the Church. Dated Edinburgh, March 28, 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 5th May 1710. My Lord agrees to this, and ords a wt to be ꝑpared accordingly." 6 *pages, quarto.*

March 28. 25. Report of the same to the same on the memorial of the Earl of Glasgow. They found that the perquisites of the office of Lord Register were much lessened by the taking away of the Parliament, and by the alteration of the Exchequer Court in Scotland, and it might be reasonable to gratify the Earl in what he desired. Dated Edinburgh, 28 March 1710.

The memorial, in which he asks for 400*l.* to be added to his fee.

Minuted:—"The Queen is very ready to gratify my Lord Glasgow in this particular, but the addns to the expence of ye civil govt in Scotland are so great that her Maty can not thinke of encreasing it during the war." 2 *pages.*

March 29. 26. Memorial of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for payment of their incident charges. Dated 29 March 1710.

The bill of the same. 2 *pages.*

March 30. 27. Articles of agreement for printing the 11th volume of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Similar to others previously noticed. Dated 30 March 1710.

With specimen leaf. 3 *large pages.* (Signatures in great part torn away.)

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March 31. 28. Memorial of M. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Begs an order for 20,000*l.* or 30,000*l.* in part of 50,325*l.* 15*s.* advanced by him, that he might carry on his contract for bread and bread waggons. He furnished only 250 waggons last year, and now had to get ready 437, and the price of bread was much higher. 1 *page, quarto.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 15, p. 118, 31 March 1710, is:—"My Lord directs 20,000*li.* to be issued to Mr Brydges, in part of the advance money to be paid for bread and bread waggons for ye ensuing campaign."

April 3. 29. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Respecting Mr Hester's hemp contract. He was 274 tons in arrear. As to the price having risen the other contractor would pretend the same. If such allegations should have any relief it could not be foreseen what further pretences and applications would follow. As for the advances of the discount of the navy bills since making the contract, there was indeed too much weight in it: but it would be dangerous to consider any one particularly for it. Dated 3 Apr. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 11th July 1710. His case canot be distinguished from that of the other creditors without making a dangerous precedt in the affairs of the navy."

The petition and case of Mr Hester of London, merchant. 4 *pages.*

April 3. 30. H. Boyle to the Ld High Treasurer. Had employed Mr Brand, her Majesty's embelisher, on an exemplification of the act concerning ambassadors, &c., to be sent to the Czar of Muscovy. It was done with great care and pains. Recommends him for consideration. Dated Whitehall, 3 April 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 4. 31. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty in Council had ordered an arsenal to be built, at a cost of 31,850*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, near the city of Dublin. Asks his Lp to direct the payment of that sum from the revenue of Ireland to Alexander Denton, who would be directed to account for the same. Dated 4 Apr. 1710.

The estimate of the building. 4 *pages.*

[In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 15, p. 119, is a minute for a warrant for letters patent to be passed in Ireland for the issue of a blank sum for this purpose.]

April 4. 32. H. Boyle to the Lord High Treasurer. Had laid before her Majesty the enclosed bill of Captain James Jefferyes, who was employed to attend the King of Sweden in his army. Showing his losses and expenses on being made prisoner after the battle near Pultawa, &c. Asks his Lp to give directions thereon. Dated 4 April 1710.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warrt."

The bill referred to. 2 *pages.*

April 5. 33. John Anstis to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The 10th vol. of Leagues and Treaties being finished, If his Lp desired another volume

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to be proceeded with, would he order money to perform the contract? Dated 5 April 1710.

Also, memorial from Thomas Rymer and A. J. Churchill for an allowance for certain sheets printed more than the contract, in the 6th to the 10th volumes. 2 *pages.*

April 7. 34. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Manley, deputy Postmaster of Ireland, who was involved in debt to about 1,200*l.* His salary of 600*l.* they thought sufficient. Recommend a pension to him of 200*l.* per ann. for his good services, to make some provision for his family. Dated 7 Apr. 1710.

The petition. 3 *pages.*

April 9. 35. Mr Douglas to ———. Had received 2,000*l.* from the Comrs of Excise for Scotland, and had paid the same to the Lords Justiciary. Dated 9 Apr. 1709. 1 *page.*

April 10. 36. Lord Godolphin (Lord High Treasurer) to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland. Sends the address of the House of Commons on the petition of Benjamin Parry, Esq., registrar of public deeds, conveyances, and wills in Ireland, for 500*l.* per ann. to be annexed to that office for 11 years, together with other papers which had been laid before the Queen: for his (the Lord Lieut.'s) opinion thereon. Dated 10 Apr. 1710.

The papers referred to. 9 *pages.*

Minuted:—"My Lord will propose this to the Qu. The wt signd."

April 10. 37. Alexander Abercromby to [? Mr Lowndes]. States his claims to the estate of one Douglas, a bastard in Aberdeen, who had died without "aires." The Queen or King is always "air," and generally they who apply first to the Crown either get "the hail" or a part for the discovery. The Lord Treasurer had assured him of it to the value of at least 300*l.* States also the claims made by others, and further proceedings thereon. Dated Harwich, 10 April 1710.

Minuted:—"Mr Baron Scroop says Mr Abercromby brought a signature to the Barons of the Excheqr in Scotland for this estate, which not being in the regular forme was laid before my Lord Trear, who referred this, as well as severall other pretencons to the Barons of the Excheqr in Scotland, and a report will be made the next time they meet. That the Barons have only appointed one to take care of the estate for the Queen till determined."

Again:—"10 May 1710. The Q. is willing to give it him, but the Barons' report must be first had." 2 *pages, quarto.*

April 14. 38. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Treasurer. The merit and services of Col. St Ippolite, and the very strong and hearty recommendations he had from the Duke of Savoy and others, had inclined the Queen to give him half-pay as colonel upon the Irish establishment, and her Majesty desired that the necessary directions might be given. Dated 14 April 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

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April 14. 39. C. Godolphin to M^{r} Lowndes. Reminds him of a postscript to one of his (M^{r} Godolphin's) reports. The blank in the warrant referred to was intended to be filled up with 50*l.* per ann. Suggests that the 40*l.* a year allowed to M^{r} Roughton at Edinburgh for corresponding with him (Godolphin) should be distributed to the clerks of the collectors, as by coming through M^{r} Roughton's hands it was only a hindrance. Dated 14 April 1710.

Also, copies of four other papers containing a good deal of information as to the trade in North Britain. 8 *pages.*

[About April 19.] 40. C. Power to [? the same]. Acknowledges his kindness, more particularly in having trustees named to receive the pension for his use. Also acknowledges her Majesty's charity to his son in allowing a pension for his education. When he came to England upon the Queen's declaration, he left his family beyond seas, and after being two years here, was accused to her Majesty for leaving them abroad. Sent for his family. The Queen told him if he gave his son to her (he then being designed to be sent abroad in the Duke of Savoy's service) to be educated a Protestant, she would order him a pension. For the support of an ancient loyal family, her Majesty ordered a pension of 250*l.* per ann., and a year after appointed a governor for him (the son), with an additional 100*l.* per ann. Hearing of an objection to be made thereto, desires a continuance of his (? M^{r} Lowndes') friendship in the tedious business.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. 1710. The Queen to be moved to grant him a pencõn in trustees names." "A w^{t} wth a blank." 2 *pages, quarto.*

April 20. 41. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for 300*l.* to be given to M^{r} William Burgh, accountant general in Ireland, for stating and balancing the public accounts there, by direction of the House of Commons. Dated 20 Apr. 1710. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

April 20. 42. G. Dolben to [? M^{r} Lowndes]. Was prevented going the circuit in Ireland by a rheumatic seizure, and would lose the benefit of the circuit money unless the Lord Treasurer would allow it to him. Dated Finedon, 20 April 1710.

Minuted:—"3 May 1710. A w^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page.*

April 20. 43. Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of Abraham Schuyler, inhabitant of Albany, in the province of New York, setting forth his services since 1688 for the safety of the province. He had mastered the language of the Indians, and was always employed as interpreter by the Com^{rs} for Indian affairs in the city of Albany, and had received no compensation. Had come over as interpreter to the four Sachems of the Five Nations. Dated 20 April 1710.

The petition.

Minuted:—"100^{li} for his pains & charges as interpreter to y^{e} 4 Ind^{an} Sachems, &c., p̃d." 2½ *pages.*

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[About April 21.] 44. Petition of W^{m} Barnes, of Norwich, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be allowed a hearing before a deputation should be granted to one Goddard, a bookseller at Norwich, who had petitioned for the same, which would be an injury to the petitioner (Barnes), who was sole distributor of stamped vellum, parchment, &c. in the county of Norfolk and city of Norwich.

Minuted:—"Read 21 Apr. 1710, vi. Minute book."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. 15, p. 123, is:—"A paper of W^{m} Barnes is read. They say Barnes lives at a distance from Norw^{ch}, where many app^{r}ntices are bound, and therefore think it convenient to have Godard there, unlesse Barnes will reside at Norw^{ch}, wth w^{ch} reason my L^{d} concurs. Their scheme for managing y^{e} dutys on apprentices, &c. is read & approved." 1 *page*.

[About April 24.] 45. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer in favour of Mary Countess of Dalhousie, and her son, Lord Bellonden, praying that the salary of the latter, as usher to the Exchequer in Scotland, might be settled.

Referred on 24 April 1710 to the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland. 1 *page*.

[About April 24.] 46. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer of Lieut.-General Ecklyn, and the rest of the commanding officers of the English dragoons quartered in North Britain, complaining of the forage supplied by the undertakers, and asking that the troops might provide the same.

Referred to the Secretary-at-War (Walpole), 24 Apr. 1710. 1 *page*.

[About April 25.] 47. Proposal of Sir Theodore Janssen to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the remitting of bills for Turin by taking in payment Exchequer Bills or tallies to be struck upon the new fund on candles and prentices.

Minuted:—"25th Apr. 1710. Agreed for the tallys in course. He will give his bills to go by this night's post." 1 *page*.

April 27. 48. Lord Godolphin to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland. Transmits, for his opinion thereon, the petition of Joseph Mitchell, praying (in regard of his father, Sir Michael Mitchell's services at the Revolution) for the office of corrector of the press in Ireland for life, with a salary of 200*l*. per ann., or, on conveyance by him of a house, to be appointed barrackmaster at Ballinglogh, in the county of Roscommon. Dated 27 April 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 1 May 1710. If it be necessary to have either of the two within mencõned erected, my Lord has no objection to the person." 2 *pages*.

April 27. 49. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer on the foregoing, approving of either of the requests. Dated London, 27 Apr. 1710. 1 *page*.

April 28. 50. M^{rs} R. Howe to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Encloses a short state of the demands of her late husband for his extraordinary disbursements as envoy at Hanover. Asks payment thereof. Dated 28 Apr. 1710.

The paper referred to. 2½ *pages.*

April 28. 51. M^{r} Secretary Walpole's report to the Queen on the memorial of Don Francisco Portella. Finds that he raised a company of 50 men against the Duke of Anjou, and appeared on the coast of Catalonia, favouring the landing of the troops of the High Allies. Was present at the taking of the castle of Monjuyque, where he signalised himself and was wounded, and afterwards did particular service under the Earl of Galway, &c. The Earl of Galway gave him a troop, but afterwards superseded him, for what reason it did not appear, unless for his religion. He proposes to go into Flanders to serve in the confederate army under the Prince of Savoy. Advises the making him some consideration for his services. Dated 28 Apr. 1710.

M^{r} Walpole adds a note that the memorialist would be satisfied with 175*l.*, which seemed not unreasonable.

Minuted:—"14 June 1710. A lrẽ for 175^{li} signed."

The memorial and a letter enclosing it to the Secretary-at-War. 4 *pages.*

April 29. 52. "Invoice of sundry merchandizes bought by order & for account of the Indian Chiefs, whereof som sent by land carriage addressed to M^{r} John Mellish, merchant at Portsmouth, and the rest sent to their own lodging at the Crown and Cusheon in King-street, Covent Garden, April 1710." Dated "London, 29 April 1710," and signed "James Douglas." 2 *pages.*

April 29. 53. Copy of report of the Controllers of the army accounts to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the captains and officers of the guards lately in Spain, who were deprived of their pay for lack of muster rolls. Dated 29 April 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Dec^{r} 1710. My Lords agree to this report, and direct a warr^{t} to be prepared, if there be any authority by any act of parl^{t} already past; otherwise there must be a clause offerd to the House." 2 *pages.*

May 3. 54. Payments out of the funds for the year 1710, and apportionments of the remainder of the funds for the same year. Dated 3 May 1710. 2 *large pages.*

May 3. 55. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General on a paragraph in a memorial from Mons. Vriberge, the envoy of the States General, concerning wines seized at Portsmouth, being imported contrary to law, and claimed by Gasper Mendez, of Rotterdam, by which paragraph it was proposed to export such goods as remained unsold, and to pay the duties of what had been sold. There had been a trial, in which a verdict was found against the Crown, but it was subsequently set aside by the whole court. Thought the duties could not be charged, unless the wines were first condemned, &c. Dated 3 May 1710.

Minuted:—"Show this to Mons^{r} Vrybergh."

The memorial and two letters. 6 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

May 4. 56. Report of M^{r} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Edward Dalton, who was convicted for riot, assaults, &c., and imprisoned in default of the payment of the fines; advising that he was an object for mercy. Dated 4 May 1710.

The petition and an estreat of the fines and amercements. 3 *pages*.

May 5. 57. "A state of such of the services granted by Parliament for the year 1709, as fall under M^{r} Brydges' care, with the sums which have been directed to be applyed and what remaines to compleat y^{e} same." Dated 5 May 1710.

May 5. 58. Com^{rs} of Victualling to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., respecting a large quantity of salt at various places within the Firth of Edinburgh. If it were French it would be serviceable for the victualling; but if Spanish or Portuguese, it would not be fit for their office. Dated 5 May 1710.

A computation of the value of the same, and two other papers.

Minuted:—"13 May 1710. The Com^{rs} have written to the Com^{rs} in Scotl. and expect an answer. When it comes they will make a new rep̄sentacōn to his L^{p}." 6 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

May 5. 59. William Cochrane to the Lord High Treasurer. Draws his L^{p}'s attention to a memorial which he presented to the Queen twelve months back, and prays despatch. Dated 5 May 1710.

The memorial, in which he claims 9,000*l*. as arrears of pension to his wife, who was the eldest sister of the last Earl of Kincardine. In the year 1705 when the last Earl died, her Majesty acquainted his wife that she would continue to her the pension of 500*l*. a year which her brother had. Hoped the services he (Cochrane) did at the last elections for Scotland had been represented to his L^{p}, &c. 2 *pages*.

May 9. 60. Presentment by the Com^{rs} of Transports to the Lord High Treasurer as to their method of accounting and conducting their business. If they had not rightly concluded on the method of conducting it, asking for a commission to be granted to them, a Minute of the Treasury being the only authority on which they had acted: also for the appointment of a controller, and recommending M^{r} Thomas Bedell. Dated 9 May 1710. 2 *pages*.

Minuted:—"Aud^{rs} to prepare a P. S."

May 9. 61. Certificate of Lieut.-Col. George Wincame that David M^{c}Kiver was a sentinel at the battle of Almanza and was taken prisoner there, and after cure of his wounds, was detained prisoner at Bayonne, in France, until the late general release. Dated 9 May 1710. ½ *page*.

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[? About May 10.] 62. Petition of William Morrison, Esq. to the Queen, praying for the grant of letters patent for seven years empowering him to search for and recover the treasure from a ship wrecked between 37 and 50 degrees of north latitude.

Minuted:—"10 May 1710. Ex^{a} whether this will not interfere with grants already made." 1 *page*.

[? About May 10.] 63. Petition of John Hamilton, town clerk of Irvin, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be appointed head collector or receiver-general of duties on stamped vellum, parchment, &c., in North Britain, in recompense for his services when the penal statutes against Papists were designed to be abolished in Scotland in 1686.

Minuted:—"10 May 1710. Send this to Comm^{rs} Stamp Office." 1 *page*.

May 11. 64. "The answer of the Com^{rs} of Customs in North Britain to y^{e} presentment of y^{e} Comm^{rs} of Customs at London, made y^{e} 23^{d} March 170$\frac{9}{10}$ to the most Hon^{ble} y^{e} L^{d} High Treasurers," relating to wines imported from S^{t} Sebastians & Bilboa into North Britain, about which there had been trials & compositions. They complain of the difficulty of getting conscientious appraisements, as the merchants "all hang on a chain." In answer to the charge of the incompetency of their officers, M^{r} Hardwick gave a very good character of them to the Com^{rs} and they were all examined before they were presented. Dated 11 May 1710. 5½ *pages*.

May 17. 65. "A state of such of the services granted by Parliament for the year 1709 as fall under M^{r} Brydges's care, with the sums which have been directed to be applyed and what remaines to compleat the same." 17 May 1710. 1 *page*.

[? About May 17.] 66. Memorial of Robert Bannatyne and David Grahame, macers of her Majesty's Court of Exchequer in North Britain, to the Lord High Treasurer. They had purchased their offices for life, the salary being 50*l*. a year, and the emoluments 100*l*. each, of which they had been deprived by the abolition of the Privy Council there: pray for the reparation of their loss.

Referred to the L^{d} Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons for Scotland. 17 May 1710. 1¼ *pages*.

May 18. 67. Copy of a petition of Sir Hugh Dalrymple, President of the College of Justice, Adam Cockburn of Ormistoun, Justice Clerk, and Sir James Steuart, Advocate-general in North Britain, to the Queen: praying a warrant for payment of what was due to them before the Union. Dated 18 May 1710. 1 *page*.

May 19. 68. Report of Thomas Baker and W^{m} Gosselin, Com^{rs} of Prizes, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the ships' companies, &c. of the "Falkland" and "Nonsuch" men-of-war, concerning the gunnage and tonnage of the prizes "Duke of Orleans" and "Palme:" the whole produce had been paid to the captors, and they were incapable of satisfying these demands. Dated 19 May 1710.

The petition. 2 *pages*.

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May 19. 69. Report of the same to the same on the petition of M^{r} John Parker, agent for prizes, in conjunction with Nicholas Davey, at the port of Falmouth. They (the Com^{rs}) had received 2 per cent. of the produce of the prizes under their management. There were 216*l.* due from him, &c., for which his security was sued. The balance ought to be paid. Dated 19 May 1710.

The petition, and copy of a report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes, and a certificate as to the frauds and abuses committed by the petitioner.

In his petition he says, "That in the beginning of y^{e} year 1705, Hugh Boscowen, Esq., was pleased to come on board the 'Europe' prize, that was laiden with wines, &c., & told yo^{r} pet^{r} that it was the time of electing members of parliam^{t}, & that the Bishop of Exeter, nor himself, nor several other gent^{n} had one drop of good wines to give their friends, & desir'd that I would lett them have some hhds. out of that prize ship, & and that they would pay the customes, (which they did) & the utmost price the rest of the wines of that sort was sold for by the candle, which yo^{r} pet^{r} readily agreed to, to serve those worthy gent^{n} at the time, when so much service was to be done to the nation."

Minuted:—"Read 21 June 1710. My Lord agrees wth this report." 4¼ *pages.*

May 19. 70. Report of the same to the same as to what appeared to be due to the mariners of the ship "Worcester." They found that 781*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* wages were due to them, out of which 91*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* must be deducted for law charges, and 59*l.* 9*s.* were due to seven others. The whole sum due from the freighters and owners was 748*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* Dated 19 May 1710.

Minuted:—"Orderd, but M^{r} Gosslin & Baker are to take care that this fund be duely applyed, and the owners are to give them notice of the day of the distribuc̃on. 5 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{13}{14}$. To M^{r} Baker, &c., to state as it stands at p̃nt & w^{t} remaines of money applicable to this service."

A report of the owners and freighters, and three accounts. 4 *pages.*

May 19. 71. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Admiralty to the Earl of Sunderland on a report and other papers relating to the building of a dock in some part of the Firth of Forth. Leith and Queensferry were the most proper; the latter lay the furthest up, and had the deepest water. It was the opinion of the gentlemen who surveyed the Firth of Forth that if the harbour of Leith were improved, it would not require any great sum, and that it might be proper to erect a fort on the rock where the beacon stood to command the road and secure the ships. Dated 19 May 1710.

Also "Reasons showing how far it may be usefull for her Majesties service to have a wett and dry dock at Leith, the port of Edinburgh." 5 *pages.*

[These papers might perhaps belong to the Home Office collection.]

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May 20. 72. Report of Mess^{rs} Dod and Warters to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Richard Fancourt on behalf of himself and other custom house officers at Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, who rescued a ship seized by a French privateer, and also seized the privateer. The matter was transacted within the limits of the port, and so it became a perquisite of the Admiralty: advising that the petitioners should be recompensed. Dated 20 May 1710.

The petition.

Minuted, first:—"Read 18 July 1710. My Lord orders this 16*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.* to be p̃d out of secret ser. m^{o} in regard his Lord^{p} thinkes it too small a sum to trouble ye Q. wth for her w^{t} to pay out of ꝑquisites of y^{e} Adm^{lty}." Second:—"25 Sept^{r} 1710. Examine what has been the usuall way of disposing & applying the m^{o} arising by droits of Adm^{lty} when the office of the Adm^{lty} is in com̃ission & report the same to their Lord^{ps}." 3 *pages.*

May 20. 73. "Copy of M^{r} Musgrave's instructions as storekeeper & payma^{r} at Gibraltar 20 May 1710." 4 *pages.*

May 23. 74. "A state of such of the services granted by Parliament for the year 1709 as fall under M^{r} Brydges's care, with the sums which have been directed to be applyed and what remaines to compleat the same." Dated 23 May 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About May 24.] 75. Petition of Edward Orrill, citizen of London, to the Earl of Sunderland, Principal Secretary of State, praying for a reward for information as to the leaders of a riotous mob. Between March and June 1710.

Minuted:—"The reward must be p̃d to such ꝑson or persons as shall appear entituled thereto by a cert. frõ ye court. Send to M^{r} Att. Gen^{l} to certify whether Capt. Orrill is entituled to the reward promised by Her Ma^{ty}'^{s} proclamation."

Also a certificate. 1½ *pages.*

May 24. 76. Certificate, signed C. Parker, as to the satisfactory evidence given by Captain Edward Orrill against Daniel Damare, upon his trial for high treason. Dated 24 May 1710. 7 *lines.*

[About May 24.] 77. Petition of Charles Killigrew, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a new lease (to fill up his term to 31 years) of a small piece of ground within the precincts of Whitehall, which was by King Charles II. granted to Sir Philip Warwick, Kn^{t}, and by him assigned to petitioner's father, Thomas Killigrew, Esq.

Referred 24 May 1710 to the Surveyor to report on. 1 *page.*

May 25. 78. G. Dodington to the Lord High Treasurer. Lays before his L^{p} the account of his disbursements to clerks, &c., when employed under the Com^{rs} appointed to treat for the Union. Dated 25 May 1710.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

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May 27. 79. Report of the Com^rs of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer on the management of the new duties, and the new duties on candles. The number of tallow chandlers in Edinburgh and precincts was about 21, and about 400 in other parts of Scotland. The difficulty would be with private families. Dated 27 May 1710. 3 *pages.*

May 29. 80. R. Walpole to W^m Lowndes. Asks for directions to the Queen's printer to forward to his office 200 of the last acts of Parliament against mutiny, desertion, &c., and the same number of articles of war. Dated 29 May 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 29. 81. Memorial of David M^cKeiver, late of Captain Campbell's company in Lord Mark Kerr's regiment. Was wounded at the battle of Almanza in Spain, and was left for dead, was carried to the Castle of Vilana, remained there five months, was then at Bayonne for 18 months, was carried to Gravelin, and thence to Catalonia, thence to Lisbon, and thence to Carrickfergus, in Ireland, where his wounds broke out afresh. Being supposed to be dead he was left out of the list of prisoners. Prays for payment of his subsistence.

Minuted :— " L^t Adams nam'd was paymaster of the prisoners at Bayonne, and ought to certifye how he came to suffer the petitioner to remain there 18 mo^s (as he alledges he did) without paying him any subsistence or taking any care of him."

At the foot is a certificate of his having been in the regiment referred to. Dated 29 May 1710. 1 *page.*

May 30. 82. Report of Mess^rs Baker and Gosselin to the Lord High Treasurer on a claim of Mary Jacquin, widow of John Jacquin, merchant, deceased, to the sixteenth part of the ship "Worcester" [assigned to M^r Ferne]. Dated 30 May 1710.

The petition of the said Mary Jacquin, and a letter from M^r Bridges, a further petition, and an account connected therewith. 4 *pages.*

[About May.] 83. Petition of Charles Callagan to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for his pay to be ordered. Had been a prisoner in Spain where he suffered very much.

See *Reference Book,* Vol. VII., p. 387. 1 *page.*

[? About May or June.] 84. Memorial of Sir Alexander Brand, Kn^t, to the Lord High Treasurer in reference to a contract entered into with the Government of Scotland in 1693, for which his partner, Sir George Hamilton (then Receiver General of H.M. Revenue in Scotland) never allowed him more than a third of the profits of 5,000*l.*, and charged 6,000*l.* sterling, the Government being imposed upon in 1,000*l.* Prays a report to be made.

Referred to the Barons of the Exchequer, Scotland, to report. Date lost, but compare the reference of this memorial, in the North Britain Book, Vol. II., p. 166, on 24 May 1710. 1 *page.*

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June 3. 1. Agents for taxes to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. M^{r} Dee, Rec^{r} Gen^{l} for part of Sussex, had paid 13,000*l.* The respite might be taken off, and he might be appointed Rec^{r} General if his L^{p} had no objection. Dated 3 June 1710. 1 *page.*

June 6. 2. Report of Mess^{rs} Baker and Gosselin (Prize Office) to the Lord High Treasurer, with a "State of the prize cash." Dated 6 June 1710. 4 *pages.*

June 6. 3. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer praying payment of 1,750*l.*, that they might pay the same into the Exchequer, that amount having been paid by the Com^{rs} of Excise for Scotland, by order of the Treasury, to M^{r} Archibald Douglas. Dated 6 June 1710.

M^{r} Douglas' receipt for the same. 2 *pages.*

June 6. 4. Charles Carkesse, secretary to the Com^{rs} of Customs, to Richard Powys, Esq. Sending, from the books in his office, an account of the former commissions which passed for swearing the governors for the plantations. Dated 6 June 1710.

The extracts referred to. 4 *pages.*

June 7. 5. The Chancellor of the Exchequer (J. Smith) to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr. Egerton had brought him for signature a transcript to pass the seal of the Exchequer for a grant of the meres and pools in the forest of Delamere, in the co. of Chester; but Sir John Crew had entered a caveat against such a grant. On a hearing of the case Sir John opposed the grant of the mere called Hatchew Mere, because the diversion of the water would injure some mills he had below the mere. His family had also enjoyed the liberty of fishing in the mere, but it wholly depended on her Majesty's favour. M^{r} Egerton claimed the same since 1592. As they both depended on her Majesty's favour, and M^{r} Egerton's family had been so long in possession, advised that the present lessee should have the grant. Draws attention to the Minute Book, in which it is said her Majesty would in some way consider Sir John Crew. Dated 7 June 1710.

Minuted:—"7th of June 1710. Read to my L^{d} High Treasurer. My Lord directs that M^{r} Egerton's lease be sealed." 3 *pages.*

June 7. 6. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George and Joseph Newell, goldsmiths, security for M^{r} Geo. Dixon, late Receiver General for the county of Somerset, praying the extent as to their bodies to be superseded on giving bail. The Agents could not find that the bail proposed had more than 5,000*l.*, and as the debt was 20,000*l.* they declined to advise the grant of a warrant to supersede the same. Dated 7 June 1710.

Minuted:—"17 June 1710. My Lord agrees with the report."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

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June 8. 7. Charles Carkesse to William Lowndes, Esq. "About 14,541^{li} in deposit of prisage duty." Dated 8 June 1710. ½ *page.*

June 9. 8. Representation of William Clayton, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Had been appointed to pay interest or prompt payment to such persons as paid into the Exchequer for purchase of annuities. Proposes to exchange for money with the Chamberlain of London, or other receiver, after the rate of 2,000*l.* per week, &c., the Exchequer bills which he should receive for making the payment.

Dated Exchequer, 9 June 1710.

Minuted :—"14 June 1710. My Lord approves his indeavouring to change the 2,000^{li} ꝑ week as he proposes." 1 *page.*

June 9. 9. Charles Harison to William Lowndes, Esq. Applies for money to carry on the suit "Attorney General v. Burgh, executor to Michael Wickes," and encloses a bill of what M^{r} Rutter had laid out. Dated 9 June 1710.

Minuted :—"A warr^{t} for 200^{l}. upon acco^{t}." 2½ *pages.*

June 9. 10. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer respecting certain wrecked goods seized on the coast of Suffolk, and claimed by order of the Duke of Grafton, as Vice-Admiral in the county of Suffolk and maritime places adjoining. In Feb. 1708–9, quantities of goods were taken up by servants of the lords of manors on the coast of Suffolk, and claimed by the lords as wrecked goods, and in particular M^{rs} North, as lady of the manor of Beanacre, insisted upon her right to goods cast on ground within her manor. His grace's agents had commenced a suit against that lady to vindicate her Majesty's title thereto. The Attorney General thought such suits should be carried on at her Majesty's charge. Dated 9 June 1710.

Minuted :—"My Lord orders M^{r} Wilson to prosecute at the Queen's charge, provided the Queen have the benefit of w^{t} accrues by the suit."

Five other papers relating thereto. 7 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

June 9. 11. Col. Thomas Handasyde, Governor [of Jamaica], to the Lord High Treasurer. A barbarous murder had been committed on the servant of M^{r} John Sutton, a planter. The latter ordered the same to be done by six of his slaves to prevent the servant giving evidence against his master for perjury. Whether the jury would find him guilty or not he (the governor) could not tell, but there were very few put to death there for murder or felony. In case he were convicted desired his L^{p} to procure him (the governor) the escheat. Had been in the island eight years and at great expense for intelligence, in pursuing her Majesty's interest about the ambergrease, &c. Dated St. Jago de la Vega in Jamaica, 9 June 1710. 3 *pages.*

[? About June 10.] 12. Report of the Auditors of Imprest, &c. (Harley and Maynwaring) to the Lord High Treasurer, of the states of the various accounts taken before them.

On the dorse is :—"Brought to the Trea$\tilde{r}$y by M^{r} Aud^{r} Harley, June the 10th, 1710."

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In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 198, 1 Sept. 1710, is:—"Mr Audr Harley called in. The general certificate of the state of accots is read. Ordered that the officers of the Exchequer do issue process of course every issuable term agt all debtors & accomptants in default." Then follow several orders as to prosecution of accountants, & 10 *pages.*

[About June 12.] 13. Representation of the Comrs for duties on stamped vellum, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, for an augmentation of their salaries, the duties having much increased.

Minuted:—"Read 12th of June 1710. Respited." 1 *page.*

June 12. 14. William Cochrane to the Lord High Treasurer. Respecting the customs and public debts of Scotland. It was resolved to petition Parliament for some other way than the customs, to pay the debts. It was very hard that the customs could not be so managed as to relieve Great Britain of so great a burthen. The writer had been 18 months in London, being summoned by the Earls of Loudoun and Glasgow and some other of the Queen's servants before the House of Lords, to prove the Earl of Dundonald's age. Begged to be despatched. Dated 12 June 1710. 1 *page.*

[About June 12.] 15. Memorial of Francis Wyndham, Esq., one of the verderers of the Forest of Dean, in the co. of Gloucester, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that various fines for offences committed in the forest might be paid to him to distribute among the under keepers.

Minuted:—"12 June 1710. My Lord agrees wn these fines are paid in, they shall be issued accordingly." 1 *page.*

June 13. 16. Copy of rules, orders, and instructions issued by the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton), about the arsenal to be built in the "Phœnix" near Dublin. Dated 13 June 1710. 3 *pages.*

June 13. 17. Memorial of the Company of Pewterers, London, to the Lord High Treasurer on a report of the officers of the Mint upon the pre-emption of tin, showing some particulars as to the manufacture of pewter, and the privileges of the Pewterers' Company. As the quantity of tin is now more than double, they pray to partake in the royal bounty. Dated 13 June 1710.

The report mentioned. 3½ *pages.*

June 14. 18. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposal of Mr East to farm the penny post. The proposal was in too general terms to form a judgment upon it. The penny post might be made to interfere very much with the general post. Dated 14 June 1710.

The proposal referred to, and "Reasons humbly offered for the letting the penny post to farme for seven years."

Minuted:—"19 June 1710. My Lord agrees to this report." 4 *pages.*

June 15. 19. Representation of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, in respect to the office of Receiver General, to which

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1710. Edward Pauncefort, Esq., had been appointed in the room of Henry Meriton, Esq., who was superseded, being absent from his office and said to be sick, but who would not suffer the cash and bills to be given up. Dated 15 June 1710. 3½ *pages.*

June 16. 20. Memorial of Alexander Ross, under clerk to the Court of Justiciary of Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer. His salary was by mistake only 10*l.* a year, tho' his predecessor's was 40*l.* Prays that the mistake might be rectified.

Referred to the Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer. 16 June 1710.

Also a certificate thereon. 1½ *pages.*

June 16. 21. Report of the Paymaster Genl (Brydges), and the Secretary-at-War (Walpole), to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of David McKiever [whose services and sufferings have been previously described under 29 May], praying payment of subsistence; recommending certain payments to be made to him. Dated 16 June 1710.

The memorial or petition referred to.

Minuted:—" Read 18th July 1710. He must apply to Mr Brydges & make out where he was the 18 months before the general Excha at Bayonne." 3 *pages.*

June 17. 22. Copy of instructions to Col. Joseph Bennett, engineer, to carry out as chief engineer the works on the fortifications of the garrison of Gibraltar according to an account brought to the Board of Ordnance by Lieut.-General Stanhope. Dated 17 June 1710. 2½ *pages.*

June 20. 23. Affidavit of William Bowyer as to printing the 10th volume of the *Conventiones, Literæ,* &c., or *Rymers Fœdera.* Dated 20 June [1710]. 1 *page.*

June 20. 24. Memorial of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer, representing the state of decay of the conduits, cisterns, and pipes conveying water to St. James's, Whitehall, &c., through the infirmities, &c. of the late serjeant plumber. Recommends for that place Mr Joseph Roberts as "a very able & honest man," having a great debt due from the Crown in the last and present reigns, and continuing with great cheerfulness to give credit in the office of H.M. Works, where he had been employed since the decease of the late serjeant plumber. Dated Scotland Yard, 20 June 1710. 1 *page.*

June 20. 25. Draft of a letter from the officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer as to stores to be sent on an intended expedition under the command of Lord Shannon. Asking which way the office was to be reimbursed, and that 75,000*l.* should be paid to them. Dated 20 June 1710. 1 *page and* 4 *lines.*

June 21. 26. Statement made by John Breholt, to which he was ready to make oath, viz., that the wreck intended to be searched for by

Mr Morrison's petition was above 1,000 leagues distant from the coast of Great Britain. Dated 21 June 1710. 7 *lines.*

[? About 23 June.] 27. Petition of Major-General Gustavus Hamilton to the Queen. Relates his defence of Coleraine in Ireland for six weeks against all the Irish army, which twice attempted to storm it, by which means he covered Derry till all the arms, &c. were put into it. In 1691 he waded the Shannon "upon" the head of 800 grenadiers and stormed Athlone with success. For these services had a grant of 500*l.* per ann. the greatest part of which came from the estate forfeited by George Geohagan. The estate was resumed and vested in the Crown, and he was above 500*l.* a loser by the grant. Prays that 350*l.* may be refunded to him.

In pencil on the dorse it is said to be an enclosure in "J. Addison's letter for Dublin, 23 June 1710," and in ink:—"This will draw on many like applications." 1 *page.*

June 23. 28. Copy of a report of the Attorney General (Mountague) to the Queen on the petition of Wm Attwood, Esq., who had been suspended by the late Government of New York from being Chief Justice of the province of New York and Judge of several vice-admiralties. If her Majesty saw fit to reinstate him, the Attorney General apprehended he was well qualified for the offices. Dated 23 June 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 1st August 1710. Its my Lord's opinion that this matter should rema as it is till the Queen receive a reprsentacōn from the Govr." 4 *pages.*

June 24. 29. Report of John Dodd and John Waters, Esqres (Prize Office) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Archibald Cumming, for payment for his services as agent for the Admiralty at Newfoundland. Recommending that he should be allowed 5 per cent. on his remittances, besides his disbursements. Dated 24 June 1710.

The petition.

Minuted:—"12 7br 1711 (*sic*). My Lord agrees to ye 5 p c. As to the 100li there must be some proof of ye disbursemt so farr as the nature thereof is capable of proof." 3 *pages.*

[? About June 24.] 30. "An abstract of what tallyes may be deposited for the sum of 350,000*l.* to be remitted for the forces in the Low Countries." 1 *page.*

June 24. 31. Account of charges on criminal prosecutions and other incidents laid out in behalf of the Crown from Midsummer 1709 to Midsummer 1710. 1½ *pages.*

[? About June 24.] 32. A few memoranda as to sums paid by the Hon. Spencer Compton, Esq., to persons on her Majesty's establishment for a quarter of a year to Midsummer 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About June 25.] 33. Application of Culverwell Needler [presumed to have been made to the Lord High Treasurer]. Had served the House of Commons as clerk assistant for 22 years, and had been solicitor to the Commissioners for licensing hawkers and pedlars between 13 and 14 years. Begging on account of ill-health to be allowed to surrender the solicitorship to William Milward, his clerk. [? About 25 June 1710], 14 years after the Act for licensing hawkers.

Minuted:—" 25 June. He may surrender, the voluntary oaths yt nothing is given or taken, being first made according to the established Rule." 10 *lines*.

June 29. 34. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on a letter of the Earl of Lauderdale, " General of her Majesty's Mint at Edinburgh," touching the trial of the pix of that Mint. Were of opinion that her Majesty's Order in Council for trying the same was a sufficient warrant for transporting it to London, and that the persons intrusted with the keeping of the keys should bring them up and be present at the opening of it. Dated 29 June 1710.

The letter referred to. 3 *pages*.

June 30. 35. " Abstract of Thomas Savery, Esqre's accounts as Treasurer for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners at war: for five years from the commencemt of his commission in June 1705, to ye 30th of June 1710 as delivered to the respective auditors." 5 *pages*.

July 1. 36. A leaf or copy of a leaf of a Minute Book of a Scotch Commission [? for the Equivalent] sitting at Edinburgh, 1 July 1710. 1½ *pages*.

July 5. 37. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise (Scotland) to Lord High Treasurer for payment to them of 250*l*. paid out of the hereditary and temporary excise to Mr Archibald Douglass. Dated 5 July 1710.

A copy of the acknowledgment by Mr Douglass. 2 *pages*,

July 5. 38. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. The officers of Customs are to preserve the fishing boats from damage and embezzlement, as her Majesty intends to restore them and open the freedom of that trade again in case the enemy gives satisfaction for the insults committed. A list of the boats to be prepared. Dated Whitehall, 5 July 1710.

Minuted:—" Directed." 1 *page*.

July 6. 39. Mr Burchett to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Asks him to move the Lord High Treasurer to order the Custom House officers to take charge of the French fishing boats captured. Dated Admiralty, 6 July 1710. 1 *page*.

July 10. 40. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits a petition of Elhadge Guzman and Rice Mohamed Elwod, messengers and ministers of the Emperor of Morocco, and a paper annexed, which had been laid before the Queen. Her Majesty desired his Lp to afford relief or to report thereon. Dated Whitehall, 10 July 1710.

The papers referred to. They asked for help to pay their debts.

They had no allowance from their master, and they and their retinue were reduced to the utmost extremity of misery and want. Their signatures are appended. 3 *pages.*

July 10. 41. Account of interest received on Exchequer bills by the executrix of Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., late Treasurer of the Navy, from 1 Jan. 1709 to 30 June 1710. Signed F. Cawes, 10 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 12. 42. Account showing the public services, with a state and disposition of the funds granted to answer the same. For the year 1710. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 43. Charles Carkesse to Mr Taylour. About passengers in the Rotterdam convoy from Holland; asking that examination of the ships be made by the Governors of the forts at Gravesend. Dated 13 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 13. 44. Memorial of Captain Charles Callaghan to the Lord High Treasurer. The captain's case was the same as that of Col. Daly, who had a gratuity of 200*l.* and three months' advance towards his charges to proceed to Portugal. Prays payment of his subsistence and three months' advance. Dated 13 July 1710.

Also a duplicate thereof. 2 *pages.*

July 14. 45. Copy of report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer concerning the proposal of Mr Edward Stracey and Mr Joseph Denham in respect to the new duties on candles, and other papers relating thereto. Dated 14 July 1710.

Minuted:—"2 April 1711. My Lord does not think fit to direct anything thereupon." 13¼ *pages.*

July 14. 46. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Writes by the Queen's command that directions may be given as to payment to be made to Captain Sterling, who came express with several letters from General Stanhope in Spain, relating to the situation of affairs there.

Minuted:—"200li." 1 *page.*

July 15. 47. Account of coal and candle furnished to her Majesty's guards in the Abbey and Canno[n]gate by John Smith and John Patersone from 1 Jan. 1708 to 1 July 1710. Dated Edinburgh, 15 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 15. 48. Mr Burchett to Walter Whitfield, Esq., asking him to apply diligently to the Lord High Treasurer to issue money for subsistence for marine regiments, Mr Charles Churchill having complained of the difficulty he had to subsist his regiment at Exeter. Dated 15 July 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 18 July 1710. 6,000li was ordered 3 or 4 days ago wch he will receive from Mr Walpole." 1 *page.*

July 17. 49. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Killigrew, Esq., as to a garden and mansion house thereon near Charing Cross, valued at 150*l.* per ann. by (him) the surveyor. An additional term to make it up to 31 years would be worth a fine of 400*l.* Dated 17 July 1710. 2 *pages.*

July 18. 50. Memorial of Joseph Nuttall to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that 1,078*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* might be allowed on the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland's account, of which sum the Treasury in Ireland was robbed on 8 Feb. 1705–6.

Minuted:—"Read 18 July 1710. My Lord thinks what is desired is very reasonable & will move the Queen." 1 *page.*

July 18. 51. Report of E. Harley, Auditor of Imprests, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Deputy Chamberlains for joining Tallies in the Exchequer, certifying the amount that was due to them, 137*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* Dated 18 July 1710.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

July 18. 52. Report of the Commissioners of Customs [or Revenue], Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to an annuity of 600*l.* per ann. of the Lady Letitia Russell for 30 years out of the reserve rent of 1,500*l.* per ann. on the quit rents, granted to the Countess of Dorchester. Dated 18 July 1710.

Two accounts relating thereto.

Minuted:—"See what warrants have been signed already & see what is further necessary." 5 *pages.*

July 18. 53. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Had sent over an address of the Irish House of Commons asking that her Majesty would direct 300*l.* to be paid for buying in certain houses on Cork Hill to enlarge the way into Dublin Castle. Dated Dublin, 18 July 1710.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^t^ to be layd with these papers before y^e^ Queen." 1 *page.*

July 10. 54. Officers of Ordnance to the same, pressing the claims of the artificers who were two years in arrear. Dated 10 July 1710.

Also two other papers as to stores and tallies. 3 *parts of pages.*

July 19. 55. Affidavit of John Breholt, of London, merchant, that the wreck now particularly intended to be gone upon by virtue of M^r^ Morison's petition was 1,000 leagues distant from Great Britain. Dated 19 July 1710. 7 *lines.*

July 19. 56. Representation of William Strode to the Lord High Treasurer, on behalf of himself and other officers of customs of North Britain, submitting to his Lordship their claim for their share of 285 tuns of French wine seized by them, which had been appraised at 9,312*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* Dated Edinburgh, 19 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 20. 57. Report of M^r^ William Vanbrugh to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^r^ Charles Lucas, closet-keeper of her Majesty's chapel, praying an allowance for an assistant in his office, and for his disbursements. Presumed the allowance of 18*d.* a day for his assistant, and 10*l.* a year in lieu of all bills, was a very modest request. Dated 20 July 1710.

The petition and two certificates.

Minuted:—" Ordrd accordingly. W^{t} signd." 4 *pages.*

July 20. 58. Seven papers of estimates, &c., made up to the 20th of July 1710, viz.:—

(1.) A list of fees and salaries payable at the Exchequer out of the civil list revenue.

(2.) An estimate of the yearly charge of Her Majesty's civil government so far as relates to England.

(3.) An estimate of the yearly produce of the revenues for defraying the charge of the civil government so far as relates to England.

(4.) An estimate of the debts owing under the several heads of her Majesty's expense for the civil government of England.

(5.) Remarks on the last three papers.

(6.) An account of the sums contributed by her Majesty out of the civil list funds to public services since her accession to the crown.

(7.) An acco^{t} of what sums have arisen since the demise of the late King William on the revenues granted to him for the use of his civil list, and have been applied towards discharging debts and arrears owing thereupon at the time of his demise. 10½ *pages.*

[? About July 21.] 59. Representation of the Governor and Company of merchants trading into the Levant Seas to the Lord High Treasurer. Complaining of the prejudice done them by the export of tin, free of freight, to Turkey in the men-of-war. Her Majesty was also supplied with tin at 5*s.* a cwt. cheaper than by former contracts. Desires that the abatement might extend to their company.

Minuted:—" Read 21 July 1710." 1 *page.*

July 25. 60. Memorial of J. Howe (Pay Office) for a warrant for an allowance of interest for money borrowed for the use of the forces. Dated 25 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 25. 61. Report of the same on an Order in Council made on the petition of Charles Crosley, surgeon to the Bonadventure transport, as to payment of the petitioner for medicines and care of 19 wounded recruits. Dated 25 July 1710.

Minuted:—" 12 7^{br} 1711. The agent of the regim^{t} to certifie whether he has any objection ag^{t} charging this sum on the regim^{t}." 1 *page.*

July 25. 62. Report of R. Walpole to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Captain Francis Peizaube. Was of opinion that the memorialist should be placed on the pension of Ireland as a captain, as prayed for by him. Dated 25 July 1710.

The memorial. 2½ *pages.*

July 25. 63. Certificate "from the Exchequer" that certain sums for coal and candle for the use of the guard houses at the palace of Holyroodhouse and Cannongate, and also on account of bonfires, were usual allowances as appeared in the Treasury Books. Dated Edinburgh, 25 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 25. 64. H. Boyle to the Ld High Treasurer. Mr Whitworth, whom her Majesty had appointed her ambassador extraordinary to the Czar of Muscovy, on occasion of the affront offered to the late Muscovite ambassador here, had performed that commission to the satisfaction of her Majesty, who was pleased to allow the account which included his extraordinary disbursements for his public entry and audience. Her Majesty desired that the 1,210*l.* claimed should be paid. Dated Whitehall, 25 July 1710.

Minuted:—"Ordered." *Again:*—"Warrt to be prepared."

The account mentioned. 3 *pages.*

July 25. 65. Captain Alexander Abercromby to the Lord High Treasurer. Was informed that the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland had not had the least thought of his pretensions to "Douglas' bastardy," because his Lp had only sent down to them "the gift" in his favour, which he (the Captain) had presented to his Lordship, without saying anything about it. The repeated assurances given to him (the Captain) and to Lord Seafield he thought would have procured greater despatch. Begs the gift might be recalled in his favour, or that one from the Duke of Queensberry's office might be procured. Dated "Villert Brulent" [Villars-Brulin], July 25, old style, 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

"Answerd 4 Aug. 1710."

July 26 and 28. 66. Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. Wm Lowndes, Esq., advising that 4*l.* a tun should be allowed their officers on certain seizures of wines on which compositions had been made. Dated Edinburgh, 26 July 1710.

Letter of the Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland) approving of the same. Dated 28 July 1710. 3 *pages.*

July 27. 67. Officers of Ordnance to the same. The debt of their office was 121,542*l.* 5*s.* 1¼*d.* to the 30th of June last. Dated 27 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 27. 68. An account of the debt remaining unsatisfied from the forfeited estates in Ireland upon army and transport debentures. Dated 27 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 28. 69. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. It appeared to them that Sir Robert Forbes and Mr Graham were entitled to the office of Judge of the High Court of Admiralty for their lives, and that there was 100*l.* per annum appointed to the judges of that court out of the duty of tonnage. It was the right and privilege of the High Admiral of Scotland and his deputes to grant passes and safe-conducts to all ships for which the fees were settled as therein stated. The number of Scots' ships at the time of the Union was above 300; the greatest part were above 50 and some above 100 tons burthen. It was reasonable that the judges should have a salary equal to what their salary and profits amounted to at the time of the Union. The case of the Earl of Weems must be left to his Lordship. Sir William Anstruther, of Anstruther, one of the Lords of Sessions and Justiciary, was entitled to the "Office of Master of Household and Carver," but no salary was granted with the office. He had a pension of 100*l.* per ann. They knew nothing of the affairs in Mr Andrew Kinneir's petition. The general pardons would prevent the Crown having any fruit from the discovery of frauds by Mr Bruce, but they recommended his deputy-Mustermaster for the royal bounty. Half a year's salary (20*l.*) was due to Ann Crawford, widow. It seemed probable that the allegations of Sir Patrick Maxwell for relief were not so well founded as was insisted. Mr James Smith had been appointed surveyor of works in North Britain, and received 100*l.* for his salary for the year 1707, and previously. Advised the same payment for 1708 and 1709, and for the future. The allegations in the memorial of Mr William Drummond, Warden of the Mint, were true. Recommended 30*l.* per ann. increase of salary. As to the case of the "gift of bastardy" of James Douglas, of Aberdeen, the Lords of Treasury had been used to "gift" such casualties falling into the Crown, where the Sovereign had not directed otherwise. They had given it to Mr William Bowles, an officer of the Court, as a trustee for the Crown, till he should receive her Majesty's commands. The magistrates of Aberdeen had applied for it for their hospitals, and they had an equitable ground to ask it, for the bastard was put out in the world by their charity; and what he had gained had been within their city. If her Majesty had promised it to Mr Abercromby they had nothing to say against it. Dated Edinburgh, July 28th, 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 18th Septr 1710. The Minutes are taken upon the respective peticõns to wch this report relates."

The petition in relation to the Douglas bastardy and a letter of Alex. Abercrombie. 6½ *pages.*

July 28. 70. A duplicate of the above, unsigned, with the following Minute upon one item in the above report:—

"Send their complt to my Lord Weems and there being an allowance made to him my Lord thinks the petrs should have a compensacõn out of the same." 2½ *pages.*

July 29. 71. Report of the Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Hon. Wm Lowndes, Esq., respecting the disposal of the foreign salt imported before the Union. The question is asked whether Ireland will be esteemed a foreign part to carry the salt into. Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1710. 2 *pages.*

July 29. 72. Copy of Mr Mead's abstract of the state of the money for Catalonia, anno 1710. Dated Barcelona July 29 [? if N.S., 18 July], 1710. 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Messrs. T. Baker and W^m Gosselin to William Lowndes, Esq. Had considered M^r Clutterbuck's petition to her Majesty for instructions relating to 4,000 dollars owing by Consul Goddard at Tunis for the produce of a prize in his hands. If M^r Clutterbuck would find the securities they would give instructions, &c. Dated Prize Office, Covent Garden, 1 Aug. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Sep^r 1710. M^r Baker and M^r Gosselin are to take care that M^r Clutterbuck do give prop security & present the names of the said security to my Lords for their approbacõn." 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 2. The Lord Chamberlain (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer ordering a present of 300*l.* to Count Sormany, who came from the King of Spain, and was on his return. Dated 2 Aug. 1710. 1 *page.*

Aug. 3. 3. A state of the account of William Hewer, Esq., late Treasurer for the garrison of Tangier, between the 30th of June 1681 and the 25th of March 1684. Signed A. Maynwaring, 3 August 1710. 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 3. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the report of the Com^rs of Customs in North Britain in relation to the present charge of managing that revenue, and their proposition for reducing the same, and also on Sir David Dalrymple's report against reducing the number of ports in Scotland, and on a memorial of Sir William Gordon. The causes why the revenue was no more were very probable. There was a further reason, the want of skill in the officers. They (the Com^rs) generally agreed as to altering the establishment. The additional charge for officers for salt duties should be paid out of those duties. Instead of the tidesmen keeping horses, riding officers should be appointed. Also suggest some other alterations. The matters in Sir William Gordon's petition were not cognizable by them, but were more proper for the Com^rs for North Britain. Dated 3 Aug. 1710.

Minuted:—"To be considered when M^r Chancello^r is here."

The following are the enclosures to the above report:—

(1.) Report of the Com^rs of Customs (Edinburgh) to the L^d High Treasurer on the charge of the management of the customs there. The report discusses the smallness of the produce of the customs, but says it was not caused by defect of the management. The temptation since the Union to run goods was five times as great as before. They suspected that those who complained against them (the Com^rs) would not punish what they complained of. It was much more difficult to prevent unlawful trade in North than in South Britain; and for the performance of this greater and more difficult task, they had not one-seventh of the people, nor had they

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ever disbursed one-seventh of the expenses. Since the Union the annual charge had averaged 31,000*l.* per ann. Dated 31 May 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 24 July 1710."

(2.) A letter from the same Com^rs^ on the same subject.

(3.) Sir David Dalrymple to [? M^r^ Lowndes]. Sends copy of his memorial to the Lord High Treasurer in answer to the question whether the Queen had the power of reducing the number of ports in Scotland or not. There were things in the management of the customs there which required a cure. Much of the disorder arose from the insufficiency of the people who were sent down to fill the posts at first, the too great jealousy men conceived against them, and the few natives employed; and a real cure would need the removal of these causes gently. The farmers before the Union were as industrious for their private gain to prevent the running of goods, &c., as was possible. Recommends two of them to be employed "to let the government into their form." Dated Edinburgh, 8 July 1710.

(4.) The copy of Sir David Dalrymple's memorial referred to. Gives his reasons against the reduction of the ports, one of which was that the property of subjects was involved, which the law protected.

(5.) The original of the last described enclosure.

(6.) The memorial of Sir William Gordon, which relates to the affairs of his brother who was collector of customs at Inverness. 14 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

Aug. 3. 5. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits the memorial of the principal Officers of Ordnance for directions to be given to the Com^rs^ of Revenue to discharge the obligation entered into by the Officers of the Ordnance for the duty of the arms brought from Holland, and for discharge duty free of the timber expected from Bristol for the use of the train of artillery. Dated Dublin Castle, 3 Aug. 1710.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 6. Statement as to the sums remaining undisposed of for the public service of the year 1710. Dated 3 Aug. 1710. 3¼ *pages.*

Aug. 5. 7. The Lord High Treasurer to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, as to the insertion on the establishment of Ireland of James Genton as a lieutenant, instead of a captain; for a report to be made thereon. Dated 5 Aug. 1710.

Petition thereon. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 7. 8. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain James Margrath for compensation for the charges he had been at in prosecuting Col. John Rice, the Colonel of his (Margrath's) regiment, upon a *capias ad computandum.* The petitioner was very poor and an object of compassion. Dated 7 Aug. 1710.

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The petition, a bill of costs, and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"25 Aug^{t} 1710. 20^{li} to be p̃d by the lr̃es patents dorm^{t}." 4 *pages*.

Aug. 7. 9. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary D'Arzilliers, widow of the late Marquis D'Arzilliers, to her Majesty, praying for the continuance of the pension [of 6*s*. 8*d*. a day] which her husband enjoyed in Ireland. She was a real object of charity. Dated Dublin Castle, 7 Aug. 1710.

The report of the Auditor General on the same subject. He says he finds that the Marquis was of a considerable family in Dauphiny, and that his father was Deputy General of the reformed churches in France, as were the Marquis de Rouvigny, father of the present Lord Gallway, and also the present Lord Gallway. The late King sent the Marquis to reside at Geneva as his Minister, but without any public character. He lived there in very good credit, and was "particularly very kind" to all the English that passed that way. M^{r} Secretary Addison certifies particularly that during his stay at Geneva he was acquainted with the Marquis, who lived in great repute and took all opportunities of showing many civilities to such English gentlemen as passed that way. 2¼ *pages*.

Aug. 9. 10. Report of John Pratt, Deputy Receiver General, to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton), in reference to payment for the ordnance stores provided for the arsenal at Dublin, by bi-monthly payments of 2,798*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*. Dated Treasury Office, Dublin, 9 Aug. 1710.

Minuted:—"Prepare a lr̃e for her Ma$^{ty's}$ hand accordingly. 29 Aug^{t} 1710. A warr^{t} signed." 2 *pages*.

[? Before Aug. 10.] 11. Memorial of John Thurston, jun^{r}, to the Lord High Treasurer, asking his Lordship to call for, and make an order upon, a report from M^{r} How and M^{r} Granville relating to a Deputy Judge-Advocateship in North Britain which had long lain at the Treasury to the prejudice of the memorialist. Undated. 1 *page*.

Aug. 10. 12. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Captain Richard Wolseley to be put on the half-pay establishment. Had referred the same to the general officers, and was of opinion the petitioner deserved a mark of her Majesty's favour. (A copy.) Dated 10 Aug. 1710. 1 *page*.

THE FOLLOWING PAPERS ARE OF UNCERTAIN DATE, BUT DURING THE TREASURERSHIP OF LORD GODOLPHIN, AND ADDRESSED TO HIM, VIZ., BETWEEN 1702 AND 10 AUG. 1710.

(1.) *Between* 1702 *and* 1707.

13. Memorial of M^{r} James Nasmith, her Majesty's falconer in Scotland. It had always been the practice for the falconer to bring from Orkney and Zetland eight or ten cast of falcons and "Jessells," and the Lords of the Treasury used to give their directions how they

should be disposed of, and to pay 40*l.* to bring them to Edinburgh, and when any were brought to London a gratuity out of the privy purse was given. The hawks were sent for and would speedily be at Edinburgh. Asks his Lp's directions. ½ *page.*

14. Petition of John Geast. Had borne the expense of a captain's commission in the train bands of London for eight years, and advanced to the Exchequer 9,474*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* in expectation of being a farmer of the customs, and neither interest nor principal had been paid. Prays for a landwaiter's place. 1 *page.*

15. Petition of Abraham Otger and Peter Otger, gent., as to 500*l.* and interest devised to them by Dame Susannah Atkins, and claimed by William, son of William Vanbrugh, Esq., praying a respite to be put on the order for issuing the same to the latter. 1 *page.*

16. Petition of William Alford, praying to be transferred from the place of tidesman in fee to the coastwaiter's place of Mr William Chamberlain [in the port of London], who was removed to Pool. 1 *page.*

17. Petition of Charles Philpott to be re-instated as a tidesman. Had lost his father, uncle, and three brothers in the late war against France, and had served 11 years in the service of King William, and then received several shots and splinters. 1 *page.*

18. Petition of William Heaton, gent., assignee of Thomas Beckwith, gent., praying a lease of Woodhouse Grange, on surrender of a lease in being, viz., for 31 years at a rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 1 *page.*

19. Petition of Judith Roux. Had delivered a petition to beg of her Majesty 25*l.* per ann. formerly enjoyed by Susanna de Beauveau, relict of Mr de l'Hospital lately deceased. Prays his Lordship's favour with her Majesty. The Earl of Kingston had recommended her.

Minuted:—"The Queen will not make such a precedent." 1 *page.*

20. Petition of John Clark, customer and collector of the port of Boston in Lincolnshire. Had served for 12 years. Prays for a renewal of his patent. 1 *page.*

21. Petition of John Hooke, Esq., serjeant-at-law, and James Wittewrong, Esq., for tallies to be struck and orders to be issued for payment of certain reversionary annuities. 1 *page.*

22*a.* Letter of Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate, for an order for two quarters of his salary, 50*l.*, due at Midsummer.

Minuted:—"If his patent falls, & . . . not renewd, his sallary may be placed on ye establ. of the Tres. of ye Chr."

[In the *Alphabetical Register of Minutes* from 1705 to 6 this or another petition was read to the Queen 4 Apr. 1705, and he was to receive 50*l.* bounty by the hands of Mr Nicholas.] 8 *lines.*

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22*b*. Memorial of Harry Mordaunt, conservator of the Forest of Dean, to the Lord High Treasurer of England, praying for a year's salary due to him "at Christmas last." ½ *page.*

23. Petition of Thomas Dearmer, of Great Ofley, in the county of Hertford, gentleman, to the Lord Treasurer of England, praying his honor to place him in "the hospital, commonly called Sutton's Hospital, founded in Charter House," as a pensioner, on account of his decayed condition.
Without date. 1 *page.*

(2.) *Between* 1707 *and* 10 *Aug.* 1710, *being addressed to Lord Godolphin as Lord High Treasurer "of Great Britain."*

24. "Ane memoriall concerning her Majestie's mint at Edinburgh, in North Brittain, given in by the generall and other officer ther." Draws attention to certain clauses of the Acts regulating the mint affairs of Scotland. The collector appointed to receive the bullion was dead, and his executors did not feel at liberty to pay the officers' salaries without a warrant. The treaty of Union appointed the recoinage, and the expense to be made good out of the Equivalent. There were two terms due to the officers. The new clerks were appointed and had attended their duties. Prays for directions to be given thereon. Signed, "Lauderdale." 1 *page.*

25. "Ordnance memorial for applying y^e^ tallys in their office to y^e^ course."
Minuted:—"My Lords will consider this w^th^ y^e^ tallys in other publick offices." 1 *page.*

26. Petition of Sir Geo. Home, of Kello, Sir Hugh Cuningham, and others, late tacksmen or farmers of customs and foreign excise of Scotland before the Union. Had faithfully performed the terms of their tack or lease, and had frequently advanced, and now had advanced, large sums for her Majesty's use. Yet a bill or information had been exhibited against them in the Exchequer of Scotland to set aside the tack and compel them to account, &c. Pray a stay of proceedings. Dated 1710.
Eight other papers relating to the same subject.

27. Memorial of Sir Patrick Johnston, praying payment to him of 536*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, sum due for interest upon Exchequer Bills sent into Scotland to pay drawbacks, in reward for his faithful services to the Queen and Government. 1 *page.*

28. Memorial of Joseph Clutterbuck. Was consul at Tunis, in Barbary, which abounded in corn, and was commodiously situated for the supply of her Majesty's demands in Spain, being near Port Mahon and Barcelona. The French had engrossed the trade of Tunis, and had brought the Government to submit to so low a contract as 1*s.* 6*d.* a bushel for corn exported. It would be greatly advantageous to Great Britain to share this trade with the French, and we might supplant them in it, as they did us by art and rigour, considering what a fleet we had in the Mediterranean, and how much

more the credit of England was valued in foreign parts than the credit of France. The Dutch, contrary to former maxims, were "clapping up a peace" with the Government of Tunis, and had appointed one Mons. Vanbaarlen as consul at a salary of 600 florins per ann., equivalent to 600*l.*, and assigned him 20,000 florins to be invested in naval stores, &c., for a present to the "Beigh," in order to obtain advantageous articles in commerce with them. Prays for such an allowance as would enable him to support his character and bear up with the French and Dutch consuls. 1 *page.*

29. Petition of John Clarke, nephew to Samuel Clarke, Esq., late a Com^r of Customs. Prays to be appointed as landwaiter at Bristol. 1 *page.*

30. Memorial of Captain John Edwards, of Deal, commander of the "Loyalty" privateer, to the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain. Had seized certain vessels and cargoes which were condemned by the Admiralty as prize. States that bribes had been given, in which M^r Culliford, a Com^r of Customs, participated. Prays a strict examination into the bribery and collusion. 2 *pages.*

31. Memorial of the Marquis of Lothian to the L^d Treasurer. A vacancy had fallen in the regiment of Guards under his command by the death of Col^l Patrick Moncrief, and last year he had recommended the L^d Cranstone, his son-in-law, to the Duke of Marlborough to be captain, who promised the memorialist the disposal of the next. Praying his Lordship to use his interest therein. Signed, "Lothian." 1 *page, quarto.*

(3.) *Between* 1702 *and* 10 *Aug.* 1710.

32. Petition of Anthony Laroque, agent to Col^l Sibourg's regiment aboard the Fleet, to the R^t Hon. Sydney Lord Godolphin, Lord Treasurer, showing that by the arrangements made, the officers' families were in great misery. Praying an order for the account to be made up of the said regiment, &c. 1 *page.*

33. Warrant, signed Godolphin, addressed to the Commissioners of Customs, authorising the discharge of certain goods seized by officers at Falmouth, which goods were brought from Jamaica contrary to the Act, which requires that no vessel employed for the carriage of letters shall import or export goods, &c. 1 *page.*

34. Memorial of the Earl of Barrymore. In November 1703 by the violent storm, a transport with three companies of the regiment under his (the Earl's) command, "bound from Holland to Lisbon with the King of Spain, was cast away." About 40 men were drowned, and an entire new set of arms, tents, &c. for three companies lost. They were recruited by drafts from England, and again from Ireland, on their arrival in Portugal, &c. [The prayer of the petition states that three companies were taken prisoners

and lost their arms going to Gibraltar.] The non-effective money was the only fund for recruiting. Prays relief. 1 *page.*

35. Proposal for a lottery of two millions. 1 *page.*

[After Aug. 10.] 36. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Cyrus Bragard and others to the Lords of the Treasury. When their regiments were "broke," they were placed in other regiments to supply the room of officers taken at Almanza till the general exchange. Their petition for pensions on their return to England had been reported on by the late Lord Lieut. of Ireland. Had received no subsistence for 12 months. Pray for relief. Undated, but addressed to Com^{rs} of the Treasury. 1 *page.*

Aug. 12. 37. Sir H. Furnese to the Lords of the Treasury. Lays before his L^{p} the state of the several advances he had made for the subsistence of her Majesty's forces and other services, and prays an advance for pressing service in Flanders. Dated 12 Aug. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 12 Aug. 1710."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 178, 12 Aug. 1710, is :—"Sir Henry Furnese having acquainted my Lords with the terms of the agreement he made with my Lord Treasurer, for advancing about 108,000^{li} for the forces in Flanders, to be repaid out of the annuity money as it comes in, and in the mean time to be secured by a deposit of tallys on the last general mortgage, and having promised to ꝑform his part of that agreement, in remitting or furnishing the remainder of the said sum so timely that the forces shall not want it, their Lord^{ps} have resolved that my late Lord Treãr's ꝑt of that agreement shall be exactly complyed with. And my Lords having read a paper of the late Lord Treãrs minutes, extracted from this book, importing his agreem^{t} wth the gentlemen of the Bank for their advancing money upon tallys & orders, or depositing tallys & orders; their Lord^{ps} are resolved that the said agreements shall punctually be complyed with." 1 *page.*

Aug. 12. 38. Abstract of S^{r} Henry Furnesse's demands upon M^{r} Brydge's Office. Dated Pay Office, Aug^{t} the 12th 1710, W^{m} Sloper. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 17. 39. An abstract of what is wanting to remit to Portugal to complete the services there to the 22th of Decem^{r} 1710, and to pay bills drawn from thence.

Minuted :—"Read 17 Aug. 1710." 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 40. An estimate of the debt in general for transporting her Majesty's forces since the beginning of the present war as it stands this 17th August 1710. 1 *page.*

—Aug. 17. 41. A scheme of the loss which her Majesty's revenue sustains in one year by running brandy, wine, and tobacco from the Isle of Man into Britain and Ireland. From 17 Aug. 1709 to 17 Aug. 1710. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 18. 42. Report of the Com^{rs} for victualling the Navy to the [Lords of the Treasury] referring their Lordships to a former report, dated 28 Feb. 1705–6, in answer to the present reference to them of the petition of Isaac Holford, who had failed in his contract. Dated 18 Aug. 1710.

The petition and report. 3 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

Aug. 18. 43. Petition of J. B. [James Bamford] to the Com^{rs} of the Treasury in reference to a claim for 800*l.* by one Thomas Murphy, deputy marshall to the two battalions of foot guards, for utensils, &c. for the prison of the Savoy. Murphy received 160*l.* for repairs, &c., and took lead and timber off the top of the prison to a considerable value, and had not accounted.

Letter transmitting the same, dated 18 Aug. 1710.

Minuted:—"19 Aug. 1710. Desire M^{r} Bamford to come to M^{r} Lowndes & see whether there be such ref. & report in ye office as are mencõned. Morphew's pet^{n} was referr'd to y^{e} officers of her Ma$^{t's}$ works, 22 May 1710, but no report yet made thereon."

Again:—"21 Aug^{t} 1710. Officers of ye workes to enquire ab^{t} this when their rep^{t} comes on Morphew's pet^{n}." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 18. 44. M^{r} Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes, on the want of subsistence money for the marine soldiers at Exeter and in Kent. Asked that money might be paid into the hands of the paymaster general of marine regiments, or there might be mutinies and other disorders. Had written to the Mayor of Exeter of his hopes that money would be suddenly supplied; but much doubted if that would induce him to give further credit. Dated 18 Aug. 1710.

Also extracts of two letters.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. 1710. M^{r} Whitfield to-morr. morning & this to be bro^{t} in againe." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 45. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of M^{r} Dummer. Two of his boats had been taken by the enemy, for which 1,052*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* had been stopped, and they submitted to their L^{ps} how far the memorialist might be entitled to favour. They recommend that their L^{ps} should dispense with the boats sailing from Plymouth and returning to Falmouth during the war, and that they should proceed from Biddeford and return to such port as he should judge most secure from privateers. The postage of the letters in no proportion answered to the expense of maintaining the intercourse. Dated 21 Aug. 1710.

The memorial. [Nine out of fourteen boats had been lost.]

Minuted:—"4 7^{br} 1710, prepare a S.M." 5 *pages.*

[About Aug. 21.] 46. Memorial and case of Joseph Mitchell, son of Sir Michael Mitchell, Kn^{t}, "late deceased, Lord Mayor of Dublin, during the war in Ireland," to the Lords of the Treasury. The creditors of his father had obtained judgments against him for debts contracted in the public service during the war for above 3,000*l.*, and his estate in Ireland was sequestered for the same. The memorialist and his family, consisting of 14 persons, were on the verge of begging or starving. They were still willing to lose their lives, being all now left in their power to dispose of.

Minnted:—"21 Aug. 1710. To be laid before ye Queen on Wednesday next."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 188, 23 Aug. 1710, among the warrants signed by her Majesty was one for 200*l.* per ann. to Joseph Mitchell, in Ireland. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 47. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Encloses copy of a letter from Canterbury. Asks, if possible, their Lps would order money for the marine service. Dated Admiralty Office, 21 Aug. 1710.

The copy of the letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 48. A paper, headed "At the Tryal of the Pix, the 21st Augt 1710," showing the weight and tale of gold and silver coined at the Mint in the Tower of London from 31 July 1707 to the 21st August 1710, together with the moneys in the present pix. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 21.] 49. Petition of Nicholas Courtney, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury for a reversionary lease of the duty of post coinage of tin in the stannaries, which the petitioner had discovered was concealed from the revenue above 40 years. The late Lord Treasurer had approved thereof, and the fine was fixed at 350*l.*

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1710. My Ld Treasurer's minute is confirmed." 1 *page.*

Aug. 22. 50. Excise Comrs to Mr Lowndes.

Docquetted:—"Abt credits to the tin agents in Cornwall & Devon." Dated 22 Aug. 1710.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 190, 25 Aug. 1710, is:—"Mr Ryly and Mr Anstys called in. The lr̃e of the Comrs of Excise concerning some of their collrs advancing money in the country to buy tin is read. Upon hearing Mr Ryley & Mr Anstys my lords are satisfied, that upon Mr Anstys's paying from time to time any money to the cashire of Excise, an office receipt may be given to him for ye same, wch their collrs will alwayes answer punctually in the country, as has been accustomed in other cases." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 22.] 51. A list of payments by incidents that are to be sunk.

The last minute on the back is: "1st Septr 1710. Ref. to Audrs Imprests." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 52. Proposal of Sir H. Furnese to the Lords of the Treasury as to furnishing bills for 100,000*l.* for the subsistence of H.M. forces in Flanders, and for 30,000*l.* at Lisbon. Dated 22 Aug. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 25 Aug. 1710. He agrees that the 30,000*li.* for Portugal shall be made 50,000*li.*

Another proposal for 70,000*l.* for Flanders and 30,000*l.* for Lisbon. Same date. 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 23. 53. M^{r} Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends an extract from a letter of the Navy Board as to their difficulties arising from the great discount on their bills. Dated 23 Aug. 1710.

The extract. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 54. "The course of the West India packet boats from y^{e} beginning of the service under the Postmaster General, by Edm. Dummer, Esq."

A tabular return showing the names of the ships, whence they sailed, where they returned, accidents, &c. Dated 23 Aug. 1710.

A beautiful specimen of writing. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 24. 55. John Midford and others to William Lowndes, Esq. Were waiting for the delivery of tallies on the tin for 4,556*l.*, which were lying in M^{r} Compton's hands, and also for 2,500*l.* due to them, which might be paid by 500*l.* a week. Dated 24 Aug. 1710. 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 56. Memoranda as to tallies in M^{r} Bridges' hands for the forces in the Low Countries and extraordinaries, and for subsidies to the allies. Dated 25 Aug. 1710. 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 57. Representation of her Majesty's Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, showing the state of debt of the receivers, compositions made upon land taxes, and payments into the receipt of the Exchequer for land taxes, house duties, and marriages. Dated 25 Aug. 1710. 3 *pages.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 191, is:—"Agents for Taxes called in. They are to give notice to the receivers that are discharged to pay in the m^{o} in their hands, by a limited time, by Mich̃as at farthest; or else extents will be taken out ag^{t} them. Their representation is read." 3 *large pages.*

Aug. 26. 58. Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Represent the urgent necessities of their office. There was nothing in their treasurer's hands but tallies. The sum of 119,475*l.* 19*s.* 7¼*d.* was necessary for three months. Dated 26 Aug. 1710.

Also an account of the tallies. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 26. 59. "A copy of a report [of 27 Oct. 1705] relating to the Commissaries & Leiv^{ts} of the two late Marine regiments." As to the accounts of their pay. Dated 26 Aug. 1710. 3 *large pages.*

[About Aug. 28.] 60. Petition of Anthony Vernatti, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury. The House of Commons had in 1699 ordered lamplights to be set up in all places leading to the Houses of Parliament for the accommodation of the members: asks for payment for the years 1706–7–8.

Minuted:—"28th Aug^{t} 1710. To be read this day sennight, with the lr̃e & the report of the officers of the works." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 28.] 61. Petition of William Palmes, Esq., and Mary his wife, to the Queen, asking her Majesty once more to take their distress into consideration, William Palmes having had to sell his property to

170. make good a deficiency which happened whilst Guy Palmes was Teller in the Exchequer.

Minuted:—"28 Aug^{t} 1710. My Lords would be informed w^{t} it is the pet^{r} refers to."

Again:—"Read againe 4 7^{br}. My Lords desire to know what it was he form̃ly peticioned for." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 28.] 62. Memorial of T. G. Hugh to the Lords of the Treasury remindng their Lordships of the delay in paying the half-yearly instalment due to Prince Charles of Denmark, Norway, &c., her Majesty having agreed by treaty to contribute for her part 4,000*l.* per ann. towards the damage he would sustain in quitting for the good of the common cause his pretensions on the bishopric of Lubeck.

Minuted:—"28 Aug^{t} 1710. To be layd before the Queen." 1 *page.*

Aug. 28. 63. Ad. Cardonnel to M^{r} Lowndes. For the Lords of the Treasury to be moved in respect of the arrears or short subsistence money of the soldiers taken at the battle of Almanza, who, upon their exchange, were incorporated into the regiments on that side, and who were daily clamorous to "My Lord Duke." Dated Camp before Aire, 8 Sept. 1710 [*i.e.*, 28 Aug.]. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 31. 64. Representation by the Com^{rs} of the Treasury to the Queen as to the condition of the public funds and of services, and further of what would be required before the end of the year. Dated 31 Aug. 1710. (Copy.) $21\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Aug. 31. 65. An abstract of the same. Of the same date. $4\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Aug. 31. 66. An estimate of what money will be necessary to be supplied for the use of the guards, garrisons, &c., to the 22^{d} of December 1710. Dated Aug. 31, 1710. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 67. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Wharton) to the Lords of the Treasury as to the remission of 20,866*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* for the pay of the regiments of Pearce, Mountjoy, and Gorges. Encloses answer in relation thereto by John Pratt, Deputy Rec^{er} General. Dated Dublin Castle, 31 August 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 8 7^{br} 1710." 2 *pages.*

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Sept. 1. 1. Report of R. Walpole to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of the Marquis of Montandre. The regiment commanded by the Marquis of Montandre was one of the four discontinued

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regiments commanded by him, and the pay of the private men was applied for the prisoners taken at the battle of Almanza, by which means they wanted the usual fund for recruiting, &c. Dated 1 Sept. 1710.

The memorial referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 208, is an order for the payment of the sums claimed. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 1. 2. Proposal of Sir Theodore Jansen to the Lords of the Treasury as to the terms on which he would give his bills for Turin for two months subsidy to the Duke of Savoy. Dated 1 Sept. 1710.

Enclosed is a bill of what was due to him.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 204, the proposal was considered and in part agreed to. 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 4.] 3. Petition of John Campbell, contractor for foraging the troops in North Britain, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking payment for forage supplied.

Minuted :—"4 7^{br} 1710, 2,300^{l} to be pd." 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 4.] 4. Petition of Charles Collins, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury to be appointed Controller of Customs at Bristol.

Minuted :—"Read 4 7^{br} 1710. To be read when ye Com^{rs} of Customs are here. The place is not vacant." 1 *page.*

Sept. 5. 5. "An abstract of what will be necessary for paying the subsistence, off-reckonings, and clearings of her Majesty's forces acting in conjunction with her Ma$^{t's}$ allies, for subsidies to foreign princes in alliance with her Majesty, for extraordinary and other services of the war under the care of payment of James Brydges, Esq., paymaster of the said forces to the 22 Dec^{r} 1710; what remains in his hands or to be received at the Excheq^{r} towards discharge thereof. How much by estimacõn the sums given by Parliament will be exceeded, and the causes of such excess." Dated 5 Sept. 1710. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 6. 6. The Corporation of the Trinity House to William Lowndes, Esq. They object to the grant of the lease of a lighthouse on Chapel Lands in Norfolk to M^{r} Everard and his wife, since by Act 8 Eliz., and by grant of 36 Eliz., the right of erecting and maintaining all beacons, &c. was vested in them (the Corporation). A grant of the reversion of such lights as were in private hands had also been made to them. Dated Trinity House, 6 Sept. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 11 7^{br}, 1710. My Lord[s] think the desire of the corporacõn of Trinity house is very reasonable." 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 7. Memorial of H. Bendysh to the Lords of the Treasury, asking that 2,500*l.*, the balance of 25,854*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, might be paid by 500*l.* a week, according to a warrant of the late Lord Treasurer, which instalments the merchants, who had transported the Palatines to New York, had agreed to accept, and which the memorialist was liable to be sued for. Dated 6 Sept. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 11 Sep^{r} 1710. To be put into y^{e} paper to be laid before y^{e} Q. next Wednesday." 1 *page.*

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[About Sept. 6.] 8. Memorial of the widow of James Douglas, baker in Aberdeen. The gift of the said James Douglas's "bastardy" or estate is sought from her Majesty by the town of Aberdeen on the ground that they [the magistrates of the town] educated the said James. The memorialist would prove that it was altogether groundless, &c. (See 28 July.)

Minuted:—"6 7br. 1710. My Lords give her time till this day fortnit to produce ye proof agt ye towne she offers."

Another memorial in her favour. Report thereon, unsigned and undated, and copy of the memorial of Alexander Abercromby, Esq., of Glassock, for the same bastardy. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

Sept. 8. 9. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Clark, in relation to renewals of leases in Jermyn Street, Market Street, and Black Swan Court, all parcel of the close called Pall Mall Fields, and granted to the Trustees for the late Earl of St. Albans. Also as to tenements in Naked Boy Alley, and other tenements adjoining, situate in the Round Rundles or Swallow Fields, granted to the same trustees. Dated 8 Sept. 1710.

The petition, and a certificate relating thereto. 4½ *pages*.

Sept. 8. 10. Report of the same to the same on the petition of Richard Kentish as to renewal of a lease of premises in St James's bailiwick (part of property granted to the trustees of the late Earl of St Albans). The premises had a frontage to Little Queen St, Holborn. Recommends the term to be filled up to 50 years at a fine of 20*l*. Same date.

The petition. 2½ *pages*.

Sept. 8. 11. Similar report on the petition of John Chamberlain. All except the house in Pall Mall would require rebuilding before the present term expired. The first parcel was situate on the Round Rundles and Swallow Field. The next parcel lay on the west side of Vine Street. The other was a tenement on the south side of Pall Mall. All in the bailiwick of St James's. Recommends the grants of leases for certain terms and fines. [Part of the property granted to trustees of the late Earl of St Albans.] Same date.

The petition. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 8. 12. Similar report on the petition of Wm Wallis, Esq., for a new lease of certain premises on the west side of Swallow Street, parcel of a field called Mulghghay, alias Dogfield, parcel of the manor or bailiwick of St James's, Middlesex, forming part of premises granted by King Charles II. to Sir Wm Pulteney. He says:—"The lands of this bailiwick being parcelled out to builders and the names altered, 'tis difficult to distinguish them by what they were antiently called." Advises the grant of a new lease to make the term up to 50 years at a fine of 450*l*. Same date.

The petition and a certificate. 4 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

Sept. 8. 13. Report of the auditors (Harley and Maynwaring), to the Lords of the Treasury in relation to the claims of the heirs of Mr Hiob de Wildt, secretary of the Admiralty of Amsterdam, who had been appointed by King William to take up shipping to transport

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their Majesties' forces from thence to Ireland; and further in relation to the "super" of Sir Joseph Herne in connection with the same business. Dated (on the back) 8 Sept. 1710.

"Read 8 7br. 1710. Transmitt a copy of this to Mons^{r} Uryberge desiring him to be a means that the ballance may be paid by the heires of M^{r} de Wildt into ye Excheq^{r} upon w^{ch} my Lords will obteyne a P.S. for their disch^{a} from this acco^{t} and by that privy seal the ex^{rs} of Sir Joseph Herne may be discharged from ye sup." 12 *pages.*

Sept. 8. 14. Report of the Auditors (Harley and Maynwaring), to the Lords of the Treasury on the presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs for placing on the establishment the salaries of several officers who were formerly paid out of incidents. They (the auditors) had always objected to pay salaries by way of incidents, and to the augmentation of salaries of established officers without the approbation of the Treasury. Same date.

Minuted:—"Read 8 7^{br} 1710. They are to take a further time to examine & report." 1 *page.*

Sept. 8. 15. Proposal by Richard Hoare and John Lambe to supply letters of credit for Antwerp for 40,000*l.*, payable at sight at the rate of 10 gilders 6 stivers current. Same date. 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Sept. 11.] 16. Petition of Alexander Abercromby to the Lords of the Treasury, for the widow [of Douglas] to be allowed two months to make good the allegations in her petition, as she was only allowed to Wednesday come seven night, and it was impossible to be done in so short a time, by reason of the foot posts in Scotland. It took 22 days for a return to a letter, &c.

Minuted:—"11 7^{br} 1710. Ord^{d} accordingly at the desire of M^{r} Abercrombie." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 11.] 17. Petition of Thomas Walker, housekeeper of her Majesty's house at Newmarket, to the Lords of the Treasury for payment of nine quarters' salary due at Midsummer last.

Minuted:—"11 7^{br} 1710. To be paid equally with y^{e} other housekeepers." 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 11. 18. Report from the Comptrollers of the Army Accounts (Meadows and Brodrick) to the Lords of the Treasury upon the petition of D^{r} Thomas Lower, for moneys due to Lieut.-Colonel William Lower of Brigadier Pierse's regiment in Portugal. Dated 11 Sept. 1710.

Minuted:—"27 Nov^{r} 1710. My L^{ds} have no objection to this rep^{t}, it appearing y^{t} L^{t}-Coll. Lower dec̃d was overpaid." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 11. 19. Tide-surveyors report of Thomas Callowe, a tidesman. Dated 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 11.] 20. Petition of the owners, freighters, &c. of the ship Worcester, for the payment of 6,000*l.* in the Exchequer, arising out of the sale of the ship, and for other money in the hands of M^{r} Brewer.

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Minuted:—"11 7ber 1710. To be read againe in the afternoon." "Afternoon read again. My Lords tell Mr Hamond that if he & ye rest of the petrs can consider & propose to their Lps how the Crown shall be indempnifyed agt the demds of ye captors if ye overplus of ye captrs mo in the Excheqr & Mr Brewer's hands (after satisfying wt due for gun mo) should be paid to them & to come again to their Lps next week." [*Sic.*] 1 *double page.*

[? About Sept. 11.] 21. Petition of Philibert D'heruart, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for sums due to him as envoy extraordinary to the Swiss Cantons.

Minuted:—"11th Sept. 1710. Make a state of this," &c. The minute then gives some particulars of the claims.

Again:—"18th 7br 1710. To be read again when my Lords consider of ye debt due to her Mat's ministers abroad. The above sume of 148li exceeding the regulacõn were for mournings for the King of Denmarke, Queen of Portugal, Duke of Gloucester, and his late Maty King William." 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 12. 22. Mr Burchett to William Lowndes, Esq. The Navy Board had no money to pay the men removed from other ships to go to Turkey, and there were other ships in the same circumstances bound on foreign voyages. Asked that the matter might be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, as the Act of Parliament required that the men should be paid, and the Lords of the Admiralty had represented to the Queen that they could not send the men abroad without their wages unless her Majesty ordered them. Dated Admiralty Office, 12 Sept. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 23. William Lowndes, Esq., to the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland. Submits for their consideration and report Mr Baron Scrope's representation of the case of the ship "Catherine" of Rotterdam, taken as prize by her Majesty's subjects of Scotland before the Union, and reclaimed by Mons. Vrybergh, envoy extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, together with other papers. Dated 12 Sept. 1710.

6 other papers. The report is not with the papers. 13 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

Sept. 12. 24. Report of Mr Baron Scrope to the Lords of the Treasury. There were considerable sums due from the late Receivers of bullion in Scotland, and the Barons of the Exchequer directed their executors to be sued to have the accounts cleared. Some money had been paid to Mr Douglas, the Receiver General, and more would be received by the next term, out of which the officers of the Mint might be paid the charges of their journeys from Scotland. Dated 12 Sept. 1710.

The letter of reference, account of charges, and a receipt.

Minuted:—"Orderd." 3½ *pages.*

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Sept. 13. 25. An abstract of the Musters of her Majesty's Forces in Portugal and Gibraltar, according to the last return of muster rolls, &c. Signed, D. Crauford, 13 Sept. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 13 Sept. 1710." 1 *page*.

Sept. 14. 26. Report of W^{m} Borrett to the Lords of the Treasury. Recommends the payment to Ann Strong, the wife of Robert Strong, of 201*l*., the remainder of 216*l*. due to her husband, who was detained to give evidence against James Hannan. Dated 14 Sept. 1710.

A previous report and the petition of Ann Strong.

Minuted:—"18 7^{br} 1710. To be read againe when M^{r} Chancellor is here. 50^{li} by the lr̃es patents dorm^{t}." 3 *pages*.

Sept. 15. 27. An estimate of what will clear her Majesty's Civil List to Christmas 1709. Dated 15 Sept. 1710. 1 *page*.

Sept. 15. 28. Account of sums necessary to answer the demands of the Navy and victualling, with the tallies remaining in the Treasurer's hands. Dated 30 Aug. 1710.

Also an account of what sums of money had been written for by the Navy and Victualling Boards since the 30th Aug^{t}. 1710. Dated 15 Sept. 1710. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 16. 29. Report of William Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Brand, writer and embellisher of her Majesty's letters to the Eastern Princes. The services for which he now claimed allowance were for an exemplification of the Acts of Parliament concerning the privileges of ambassadors sent to the Czar of Muscovy, which could not be comprehended under the Sign Manual. It was properly the business of the Clerk of the Crown to make such exemplification, but the petitioner was employed by M^{r} Secretary Boyle's direction for the more exact performance and adornment thereof. The 20*l*. claimed was a moderate demand. Dated 16 Sep^{r}. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 18th Sept^{r} 1710. 20^{li} orderd."

The petition and a copy of a letter on the same subject. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 16. 30. Lieut.-General Thomas Erle [? to M^{r} Lowndes]. Her Majesty had given him directions to put the chapel at Portsmouth in repair, and cause it to be decently adorned, which was accordingly done at the charge of the Ordnance. The Communion plate was given, as he understood, by King Charles II., and was very fine. He was told that Sir Edw^{d} Scot, Lieut^{t}-Governor to the Duke of Berwick, who had caused mass to be said there, had at the time of his leaving, upon the Revolution (lest it should fall into the hands of heretics), applied it to his own use. Her Majesty had ordered fresh plate to be furnished, but it had not arrived. Dated Charborough, 16 Sept. 1710.

Petition of Robert Bragg, chaplain, on the same subject.

Minuted:—"25 7ber 1710. Look out ye warr^{t} and lay it before my Lords to be signed." 3 *pages*.

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[About Sept. 18.] 31. Mr Walpole's report to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Jane Dickenson, widow of Lieut. Danl Dickenson, late of Lt-General Howe's regiment. Could not recommend a precedent to be made in her favour. She had the usual allowance made to widows whose husbands were killed in Flanders.

Minuted :—"18 Septr 1710. Dismiss the peticõn."

The petition. *The lower part of the report is torn away.* 2 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 32. Report of the Auditors (Harley and Maynwaring) to the Lords of the Treasury. On an inspection of the accounts of Charles Fox, Esq., certified as to the pay of the Duke of Schonberg, as General of her Majesty's forces in Portugal, and the pay of the Earl of Galway, who succeeded him. Dated 18 Sept. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 19 7br. 1710." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 18.] 33. Petition of Colonel Baldwin Leighton to the Lords of the Treasury. Petitioner had disbursed in the public service in the late reign 2,400*l.*, for which he had been paid 200*l.*, a year interest, but for the last nine years could obtain neither principal nor interest.

Also a printed abstract of his case.

Minuted :—"Read 18th Sepr 1710. My Lords know nothing of the petr's allegacõns, and the Queen has been pleased to declare she doth not intend to grant any new pencõn." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

[? About Sept. 18.] 34. Petition of Sir William Anstruther of Anstruther to the Queen, praying for a pension as one of "the master households and carver to the Royal Family of Scotland."

Minuted :—"Read 18th Sepr 1710. My Lords cannot advise the Queen to re-grant this pension." ½ *page.*

Sept. 19. 35. Mr Benjamin Sweet's account with the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster General, ending 22 Aug. 1710. Dated 19 Sept. 1710. 8 *pages.*

Sept. 20. 36. "An estimate of what will be due in ye Treasurer of the Chamber's Office by Michaelmas next." Dated 20 Sept. 1710. Signed, "Mos. Giraudeau." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 22. 37. The Duke of Queensberry to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses memorial of Mr Couper and Mr Turnbull, and another of the Lord Advocate of Scotland, in their behalf, for their Lordship's report thereon to the Queen. Dated Whitehall, 22 Sept. 1710.

The enclosures are not now with this letter. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 22. 38. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Meggott, Esq., for the grant of a new lease of Angel Yard (then granted by the Crown to the Earl of St Albans' trustees) and Murrel's Yard, Piccadilly, together

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with certain messuages. Assigns the value of the same. Dated 22 Sept. 1710.

The petition.

There are three minutes on the back. The last is:—"12 July 1714. To ye prest Surveyr Genl." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 39. Memorial of the Master of the Horse (the Duke of Somerset) to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of fees and gratuities disbursed, he having received no part of the 4,000*l.* a year allowed to his predecessors.

Schedule of the fees referred to.

Warrant for payment upon the above. Dated 22 Sept. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 40. Mr Burchett to the [Lords of the Treasury]. Encloses the petition of the shipwrights and ropemakers of her Majesty's yards at Deptford and Woolwich, representing their hardships in being paid in Exchequer bills, and praying payment of six months' more wages. Dated Admiralty Office, 22 Sept. 1710. (Copy.)

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 41. Abstract of the demands for the Navy victualling.

Docquetted:—"23 Sepr 1710. Navy demands." [*There are also some rough notes on the back.*] 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 25.] 42. Petition of the marines and officers of the ship "Worcester," to the Lords of the Treasury, praying speedy payment of their wages from the freighters and owners of the vessel.

Minuted:—"25 7br 1710. Wt due for gun money by Act of Parlt." 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 43. Paper docquetted:—"Disposicõn of 138,000li."

The sums in the schedule are chiefly connected with the navy. Dated 25 7br 1710. 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 25.] 44. Petition of her Majesty's messengers of the Chamber in ordinary to the Lords of the Treasury. Were told that they must not be paid for prisoners at large (as Mr Vanbrugh called them) and prisoners by them kept in lodgings in the Gatehouse. For 20 years past whenever they had had charge of a dangerous prisoner they had hired a room in the Gatehouse, and the cost had been 130*l.* No objection had been made to their predecessors' bills, and they were always paid for their prisoners in the Gatehouse. Pray that their salaries and bill money might be paid.

Minuted:—"Read 25 7br 1710. My Lords will hear ye messengers before they sign ye order." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 25.] 45. Petition of Mary Taquin, widow of John Taquin, to the Lords of the Treasury for the sixteenth part of the ship "Worcester" and cargo, condemned in Scotland, to be paid when any more money was ordered to the owners of the ship.

On the back is:—"25th Septr 1710. Ref. to Mr Baker & Mr Gosslin [for] report." 1 *page.*

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Sept. 26. 46. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Captain John Edwards, complaining that he had not been fully heard touching some complaints he had to make against several gentlemen belonging to the Customs. He charges M^{r} Culliford and others with defrauding the Queen, but refuses to make oath thereto. Dated 26 Sept. 1710.

There is an addition at the end to the report, but it is incomplete. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 47. The answer of the Com^{rs} for the Land Tax for Whitehall, &c., pursuant to her Ma$^{t's}$ commands of 6th Sept. 1710, by which it appears that such of the servants of the household, &c. as have in wages and board wages 100^{li} per ann. and upwards have been rated ever since the year 1704 at 3^{s} in the pound; from 100^{li} down to 40^{li} per ann. 2^{s} 8^{d} p pound; and from 40^{s} and under per ann. 1. 4. per pound. Notwithstanding they have been thus assessed, the quota for Whitehall and S^{t} James's being raised since 1704 from 10,686^{li} 5*s.* 4*d.* to 30,754^{li} 6*s.* 3*d.*, there has happened a deficiency in the last five years of above 11,000^{li} per ann., concerning which the Com^{rs} pray to be discharged. Dated 26 Sept. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 27 7br. 1710. Her Ma^{ty} some time before y^{e} sessions will order some small pt."

Again :—"29 Nov. 1710. Orderd 1,000^{li}." 1 *page.*

Sept. 26. 48. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses extract from a letter received by last post from M^{r} Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy extraordinary at Turin, wherein he says his bankers refuse to continue their engagement by reason of the delay in paying the bills drawn by M^{r} Bridges; also extracts from two letters as to export of coin into Holland. Dated Whitehall, 26 Sept. 1710.

Minuted :—"Read 29 7br. 1710."

The extracts are not now with this letter. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 26. 49. Estimate of Sir Chr. Wren and John Ball to the Lords of the Treasury, of the annual charge of the castle, parks, gardens, &c. at Windsor. Dated Windsor Office of Works, 26 Sept. 1710. 1 *page.*

Sept. 26. 50. Copy of the prayer of Sir P. Wharton's petition, as also her Ma$^{t's}$ reference thereon, Sept. 26, 1710. Relating to the expense of keeping Chilworth Powder Mills for the service of the Crown. 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 51. An estimate of the annual charge in the Office of Works and for the gardens, payable by the paymaster of the works at Windsor and elsewhere. Dated 27 Sept. 1710. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 27. 52. Lords of the Admiralty to Lord Dartmouth as to the contracts with the victuallers being made by the year or only for the present occasion, till some measures might be found for bringing the credit of their office into greater reputation, &c. Dated 27 Sept. 1710.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVI., p. 37 (3 Oct. 1710) is :—"Com^{rs} of Navy & Vict. called in. M^{r} Colby sayes they have contracted for four quantitys of pork at 7^{sh} or 8^{sh} per C. w^{t} less then the price

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mencõed in their l̃re of 26 7^{br}. The brewers insist on ye high price mencõned in their l̃re, & they have made some contracts for beef."
Three enclosures. 6 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

[? About Sept. 27.] 53. Memorial of the Earl of Loudoun to ———. Had received payment of 2,000*l.* out of 3,000*l.* due to him as Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland, up to Lady Day last; praying that arrangements might be made for the remainder.
Minuted:—"To be layd before the Queen. 1,000*l.* on a w^t of bounty and 500 for a qu^r as Keeper of the Gr^t Seal in Scotland to Mid. 1710. 27 7br. 1710 $1{,}000^{li}$ ordrd."
Also a memorandum of what was due to him. 1 *page*, 2 *parts*.

Sept. 27. 54. The Duke of Beaufort to Earl Pawlett. The characters of the persons under him in the New Forest proved bad, especially those under the direction of the Treasury. Asks him not to dispose of any of their places till he should see him (the Earl). Dated 27 Sept. 1710.
Minuted:—"Read." 1 *page*, *quarto*.

Sept. 27. 55. [Duke] of Queensberry to the Secretary-at-War. Her Majesty desired a warrant to be prepared to transfer a yearly pension of 547*l.* 10*s.*, enjoyed by Sir William Douglas, to his son Col. Charles Douglas. Dated Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1710. 1½ *pages*.

Sept. 28. 56. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury. M^r Short had no pretence to either of the seizures, or to any allowance, he having been of no service to the revenue, but the contrary. M^r Short had no reason to doubt that they (the Com^{rs}) would have done him justice, although his morals and conduct had brought trouble and vexation to himself before the Court of Exchequer and other justiciaries, as well as discredit to the officers and to the management of the customs there. Dated Edinburgh, 28 Sept. 1710.
Report of the secretary (Joseph Boughton), and an affidavit on the same subject. 6 *pages*.

Sept. 28. 57. Report of the Surveyor General (Travers) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Boughton, gentleman, respecting the renewal to the petitioner of a lease of the manor of Kings Cliff, and of corn mills there, in the county of Northampton. Dated 28 Sept. 1710.
The petition. 4 *pages*.

[? About Sept. 29.] 58. The case of Marie, the widow of Col. Charles Cusacque, formerly colonel in the service of the Duke of Anjou, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, pressing her claims for her husband's pay, he having served in Portugal and dying in London when about to proceed to Catalonia. (*French.*)
Minuted:—"29 Sept. 1710."
Two other papers relating thereto. 5 *pages*.

[? About Sept. 29.] 59. "Account of what remained in the Exchequer on the 8th March 1701/2 of the revenues applicable to the Civil List of the late King W^{m}; as also the income from arrears of the said revenues between the 8th March 1701/2 & Mic̄has 1710, and the gen^{l} uses to which the same have been issued." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 60. "An estimate of the charge of the public ministers for one year (as they now stand) on their ordinary entertainm^{ts} and extra^{rys} within the regulac͠on." Dated 29 Sept. 1710.

Includes a list of the names and their pay. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 61. "An acco^{t} of what hath been issued to sundry foreign ministers on their ordinary and extraordinary allowances in each year, since her Ma$^{t's}$ accession to the Crown." Up to Michaelmas 1710. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 62. Copy of a representation by the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the payment of the gun money (amounting to 6,940*l.*) due to the captors of various prize ships. Dated Sept. 29, 1710.

Also a list of the prizes, number of guns, and sums due; together with the names of the captors. 2 *pages.*

[Sept. 29.] 63. An account of what money hath been annually granted by Parliament for the service of the Navy, and what hath been annually issued upon the several heads thereof since her Majesty's accession to Michaelmas 1710. 6 *pages.*

[Sept. 29.] 64. Another similar account for the same period. 2 *large pages.*

Sept. 30. 65. The Com^{rs} of Customs, Scotland, to the Hon. William Lownds, Esq. Send the establishment for the quarter ending the 29th inst., which they could not well alter this quarter. Design the new one to take place from that date. As the officers to be sunk have continued their duties to Michaelmas, in their (the Com^{rs}') opinion they deserve their salaries. Dated 30 Sept. 1710.

Minuted:—"10 Octo^{r} 1710. To Mic̄has agreable to this l̄re." 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 66. Copy of Capt. Cartwright's account of cash ending the 30th of Sep^{r}. 1710. [Army affairs.] 3½ *pages.*

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Oct. 2. 1. Report of the Agents for Taxes on the petition of William Palmer, Esq., and others, security for John Andrews, Esq., late Receiver General for the county of Warwick, in relation to the stay of process against them. Dated 2 Oct. 1710.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 3. 2. A fragment of a report of the Com^{rs} of Customs on charges made against M^{r} Culliford.

On the dorse is:—"Report relating to Capt. Edwards' complaint. Read 26 7^{br} 1710. The Com^{rs} are of opinion thatt here is no foundation for the charge ag^{t} M^{r} Culliford, & give their reasons for their opinion." Dated 3 Oct. 1710.

Accompanied by divers papers relating to the said charges. In combination with others, M^{r} Culliford was charged with defrauding the Queen of 7,000*l.* 31 *pages, 5 parts.*

Oct. 3. 3. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Stamp Duties to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting false stamps bought of M^{r} Dyot. Dated 3 Oct. 1710. 1 *page.*

Oct. 4. 4. Presentment of the principal Officers of the Mint as to the persons employed in the management of the "tin affair in London," their duties and pay. Signed, "Is. Newton and Jn. Ellis." Dated 4 Oct. 1710, 1 *page.*

Oct. 4. 5. The Com^{rs} of Victualling to William Lowndes, Esq. Had sent a copy of M^{r} Guard's memorial to their agent at Portsmouth, to inquire into alleged frauds committed by the bakers in using meal of barley and peas, to make biscuit for the Fleet, and in defrauding the Government of 60,000*l.* or 70,000*l.* per ann. Dated 4 Oct. 1710.

Enclosed is also the copy of the reply of the agent, who denies the truth of the whole statement. 8½ *pages.*

Oct. 5. 6. The Duke of Marlborough to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends a memorial as to contracts for forage for the troops in winter quarters, that their L^{ps} might make arrangements and give directions thereon. Also as to the contract for forage during the siege of Douay. There is a further demand for forage delivered in the spring to the Prussian and other troops in their march from the Maes till their coming to Tournay. Dated Camp before Aire, 16 Oct. 1710 [*i.e.*, 5 Oct.].

The memorial referred to. 5½ *pages.*

—Oct. 6. 7. A state of the tallies and Exchequer bills in the hands of James Brydges, Esq.

Two similar papers. Between 29 Sept. and 6 Oct. 1710. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 8. Report of Samuel Lynn, in the absence of the Secretary-at-War, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captains Parry, Harpur, and St. Lo, asking for their pay "en second" to 24 Oct. inst. Dated 7 Oct. 1710.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Oct. 1710. M^{r} Sloper to make a demand for this forthwth." 3 *pages.*

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Oct. 7. 9. Lord Cowper to Mr Lowndes. Asks him to put him in the way to obtain the remaining quarterly payment of his pension [as late Ld Chancellor, to the time he surrendered.] Dated Colegreen, Oct. 8, 1710.

Minuted :—"Prepare a warrt." 1 *page*.

Oct. 9. 10. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Lowndes. His Grace [the Duke of Marlborough] desired that the Lds of the Treasury should be informed in relation to the four orphans of Lieut. John Calder, that when the officers of the troops there agreed to a voluntary subscription for the support of their widows, it was, by their own rules, limited to such only whose husbands were actually killed or died of their wounds; but the officers were willing in this particular case that the children should have the benefit of their mother's pension. Dated Camp before Aire, 20 Oct. 1710. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 10. 11. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Comrs of the Treasury, asking for payment of 1,500*l*. advanced by them to the Lords Justiciary in Scotland. Dated 10 Oct. 1710.

Also copy of the receipt given by the Lords Justiciary. 2 *pages*.

Oct. 10. 12. Memorial of the Secretary-at-War to the Lords of the Treasury, "relating to her Majesty's forces in Portugal," praying for the renewal of a warrant to authorise the paymaster to stop the non-effective money to be applied for recruiting the forces. Dated Whitehall, 10 Oct. 1710.

The copy of the warrant referred to. 2½ *pages*.

Oct. 11. 13. Mr J. Burchett to Mr Lowndes. This day the Comrs of the Admiralty send orders to the captains of the "Norfolk," "Torr Bay," and "Russell," now in the Downs, to proceed to Lisbon for the Queen's money, and to apply to Mr Morrice for the same. The commander of these ships, Captn Smith of the "Norfolk," carries with him a sealed order, not to be opened till he comes to Lisbon, so that he will know nothing of his errand till then, and he is strictly charged to keep it private, and to return to Spithead without bringing any trade with him. Any orders from the Treasury to Mr Morrice he will enclose with the commander's secret instructions. Dated 11 Oct. 1710.

Minuted :—"Answered eod̄ die. Duplicates of what writ to Mr Morice by yesterday's post inclosed to Mr. Burchet to be sent to him by the ships now going to Lisbon." 1½ *pages*.

Oct. 12. 14. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury. Had considered the petition of James Duke of Ormond to her Majesty, praying to be reimbursed the 3*l*. per cent. deducted from him for Exchequer fees, on receiving his rent of 3,500*l*. a year for the duty of prizage since Michaelmas 1704. Were of opinion that he ought to receive the rent clear of all charges. Dated Dublin Castle, 12 Oct. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 19th April 1711. To be laid before ye Q. A wt to be ꝑpared." 1 *page*.

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Oct. 14. 15. C. Musgrave (Ordnance Office) to Mr Lowndes, respecting the commission for adjusting the value of the lands, &c. to be purchased for strengthening the fortifications of Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. Dated 14 Oct. 1710. 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 16. Articles of agreement as to the printing of the 12th vol. of Rymer's Fœdera. Dated 16 Oct. 1710. (*Torn at the foot.*)

Two other papers connected therewith. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 17. Memorial of Thomas Burgh, Esq., engineer and surveyor general of her Majesty's fortifications and buildings, to the Lords Justices of Ireland, touching corruptions and ill practices committed by persons employed as overseers of the arsenal. Dated 17 Oct. 1710. 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 19. 18. Report of Mr Baron J. Scrope to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mr Penman, assay master of the Mint at Edinburgh, and of Mr Miller, clerk of the Mint there, as also on the reports of the officers of her Majesty's Mint at London thereon. Was of opinion that the allowances of 60*l.* to Mr. Penman and Mr Borthwick, for a clerk and assistant during the late re-coinage, and of the like sum of 60*l.* to Mr Miller, for overseeing the tale and weight of the old moneys, and having the charge thereof till the assay was past, were reasonable. Could say but little to the proposal of the the Comrs of Customs of removing Mr Bruce, the collector of Kirkcaldy, to the port of Dundee, and putting Mr Bethune, collector of Dundee, in his place, he being a stranger to them. Both of them were well allied, and there had been a contention between them and their friends, both before and since the Union for this collector's place. As an examination into the charges against Mr Bruce had to take place, suggested that it would be better to have it completed before anything further were done. Dated 19 Oct. 1710.

Two petitions, and two reports connected therewith. 6 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 19. Mr Brydges' report relating to the public money received and paid by Col. Bacalan for the subsistence of prisoners in Spain. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 24 Oct. 1710.

Accompanied by an extract from a letter and an account of the moneys paid.

Minuted:—"27th Nov. 1710. For Fryday next, Afternoon." 13 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 20. Report of the Comrs of Victualling to the Lords of the Treasury on a proposal to victual the navy. They say that salted beef and pork of the produce of Ireland is much inferior in goodness to what is cured in England, for the Irish oxen are generally small, and not being stall fed, the salt soon penetrates into and eats out the heart and nourishment of the meat; the hogs feed much upon fish on the sea-coast, which occasioning the flesh to be of a fishy taste, renders the same very disagreeable to the men, who are six to four men's allowance while in the Mediterranean. From other reasons they also advise against the contract, though the price is one-third cheaper than that supplied in England. Dated 25 Oct. 1710.

The proposal. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 21. Report from the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army relating to the 1,111*l.* 7. 1. charged on the Captain of the late Earl of Donegal's regiment. Dated Privy Gardens, 25 Oct. 1710.

Also an account of the recruits sent from Ireland, and a copy of a large portion of the above report.

Minuted:—"20 Nov. 1710. To the muster ma^{r} to certifie what respits have been taken off by order for the yeares within mencõned & by what order." 6 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 22. M^{r} Charles Conly to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses papers as to frauds by merchants in exporting cut tobaccos and in drawing back several hundreds of pounds of debenture for sand and flatted stems of tobacco that had lain by several years. Dated 26 Oct. 1710.

Three papers giving the details.

Minuted:—"On Wednesday next, 1 Nov. 1710." 5½ *pages.*

Oct. 27. 23. Lord Dartmouth to the Com^{rs} of the Treasury. Is informed that Frenchmen and other suspicious persons frequently went beyond the sea, particularly to Holland and Ostend. Asks them to order the Com^{rs} of Customs to direct their officers not to allow passengers to go without a pass. Dated Whitehall, 27 Oct. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 21 Nov. 1710. Send a copy of this lr̃e to the Com^{rs} of Customs and they are to give directions to their officers accordingly." 1 *page.*

Oct. 28. 24. J. Brydges to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses extract from a letter from Mons. Slingar, acquainting him of the care and difficulties he (Mons. Slingar) had undergone in subsisting several of her Majesty's subjects, prisoners, and of his continuing his endeavours to subsist them until he receives further orders. Dated 28 Oct. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 29 Nov. 1710. To be layd before ye Parliam^{t}, but my Lords are to endeavour to inform themselves, so that ye Q. may not pay double or treble."

The extract referred to. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 25. The Duke of Marlborough to M^{r} Lowndes. Acknowledges the receipt of the approbation of the Lords of the Treasury of their making the contracts for forage in the ensuing winter, which shall be done. Hopes that timely remittances may be made. Has written to M^{r} Brydges to desire the particulars of the disposition of the 50,000*l.* given by Parliament last winter. Dated Camp before Aire, 10 Nov. 1710 [N.S.], *i.e.,* 30 Oct.

Minuted:—"Read 6 Nov^{r} 1710. My Lords will order the remittance as soon as they know how much the money will am^{t} to.

"As to the extra^{rys} send an extract to M^{r} Brydges to know his answer." 2½ *pages, quarto.*

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Oct. 31. 26. A Cardonnel to the same. As to the number of rations of forage to be delivered to the troops for the winter. Dated Camp before Aire, 11 Nov. 1710 [*i.e.*, 31 Oct.]. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 31. 27. "Prize incident bill from Midsomr to Xmas 1709."

Petition by the Comrs for payment thereof. Dated 31 Oct. 1710. 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 28. J. Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Had received a letter from Consul Cole at Algiers. It was pretended a Dutch slave had made his escape on board of a man-of-war, and the Consul was obliged to pay for the same. The Lords of the Admiralty desired that the Lords of the Treasury should reimburse the Consul. Dated 31 Oct. 1710.

The letter referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 31. 29. An accot of the issues which have been made to the navy out of the funds given by Parliament for the year 1710, made up and stated to the 31st day of October 1710. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 30. An account of the gross sale by the candle of unrated East India Goods, from 8 March 1703 to Oct. 1710. 1 *page.*

Nov. 1. 31. "Copy of Mr Cartwright's accot current to 23 Oct. 1710" [of payments to the army]. Dated Antwerp, 12 Nov. 1710 [*i.e.*, 1 Nov.]. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 6. 32. Memorial of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury praying payment for their bill of incident charges. Dated 6 Nov. 1710.

Minuted:—"1st Xbr. 1710. Agreed."

The bill referred to. 2 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 6. 33. William Jones to the Hon. William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses a paper on the methods of computing the duty on unrated East India goods imported. Dated Nov. 6, 1710. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 34. Samuel Lynn to Wm Lowndes, Esq. In the absence of Mr Granville, reports on what he thinks reasonable to be allowed the Comrs' clerks as a reward for their attendance on the Comrs in putting in execution the late recruiting Act. The allowance of five shillings per man has been already agreed to as reasonable. 1,561*l.* 5*s.* has been voted by Parliament, and until that is expended what should be allowed to the clerks need not be considered. Dated Whitehall, 9 Nov. 1710.

Three other papers on the same subject. 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Nov. 9. 35. The Comrs for Sick and Wounded to the same. Represent the pressing necessities of their office. The debt for subsistence of prisoners increases to so great a height that their marshals will be thrown into prison and the prisoners will be let out. Dated 9 Nov. 1710.

The annexed copies of letters from their marshal at Plymouth and the mayor of the town will show what necessities they are under. There is 19,892*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* due on their estimate, and they were never reduced to such extremities as at this time.

The copies referred to, viz.:—

William Slaughter to [the Com^{rs} of sick and wounded]. The tradesmen neither can nor will give any further credit, and he is indebted on account of prisoners of war between six and seven thousand pounds. Is forced to pawn his goods for money to pay the officers going to France their subsistence. Unless he has a speedy supply he is ruined to all intents and purposes, and the prison doors must be opened, for the prisoners to shift for themselves, or they must be starved, for there will be 1,200 left when the 600 are sent to France. Dated Plymouth, 5 Nov. 1710.

Copy of a letter from the Mayor of Plymouth to Sir Geo. Byng. 5½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 36. Report of the Com^{rs} for victualling the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Isaac Holford, respecting the non-performance of a contract for oxen for the victualling service. Dated 10 Nov. 1710.

The petition accompanies the report. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 37. The Earl of Galway to William Lowndes, Esq. When in Portugal found it an established rule to make monthly returns of effectives of the Queen's troops, signed by the commanding officer of each corps, on which subsistence was paid, the remainder being left in his hands as a fund for recruiting the regiments. This course he had continued. Dated 10 Nov. 1710. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 38. Lady Ann Littleton to the same. She objected to paying 2,905*l.* for salaries to the officers of the navy as desired by the Lords of the Treasury, on account of the large fees she had to pay to the Auditors of Imprest, &c. for passing the accounts of the late Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., as Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 11 Nov. 1710.

Also an estimate of the fees referred to.

Minuted:—"16 Nov. 1710. Direct Lady Littleton to pay this money, & my Lords when it is w^{ting} to defray the fees & charges relating to her acco^{ts} some other way" (*sic*). 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 39. Report of the Deputy Clerk of the Pipe (Phil. Tullie), to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Nathaniel Boothe, Esq., Surveyor of the revenue of Greenwax. Recommending some additional words in the form of the warrant, so that he might obtain payment of his salary. Dated 13 Nov. 1710.

The petition and copy of the warrant. 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 40. Memorial of Sir John Humble, Bart., Paymaster of the million lottery tickets. As to three counterfeit lottery tickets tendered by M^{r} John Lade, of Southwark, at the lottery office. Dated 13 Nov. 1710.

Minuted:—"14 Nov. 1710. Carried in."

Accompanied by the tickets in question. 1 *page and* 3 *small pieces of paper.*

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Nov. 14. 41. An account of warrants due to Col. Peter Schuyler, being for several services and disbursements made by him in the province of New York, &c.

With a report, signed Ro. Hunter at the end, to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending his case to their Lordships. Dated New York, Nov. 14, 1710. 7 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 42. Approval by the Attorney and Solicitor General of the draft of the Queen's warrant for passing a privy seal to discharge the administrators of Prince George of Denmark. Written at the foot of the draft. Dated 14 Nov. 1710. 7 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 43. "Report of the Comptrs of the accots of the Army upon the list of contingent bills for wch Mr Brydges the paymar, made a demand of 3,034. 18. 11¼." Dated 14 Nov. 1710.

Also the list referred to. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 10 to Nov. 14. 44. Sixteen papers relating to the affairs of the poor Palatines, between 10 Jan. 1709–10, and about 14 Nov. 1710, including:— (1) the resolutions at a meeting of the Comrs on 10 and 11 Jan. 1709–10, in which it was agreed that certain of the Palatines were to be sent to Holland. (2) Lists of those shipped there. (3) A letter of thanks from Mr John Tribbeko, who served on the commission for the Palatines, to the Lord High Treasurer. He says that the sum of 200*l.* remaining in his and Mr Ruperti's hands had been employed in clothing the naked, relieving the sick and needy, and in printing little books for their use. The last sum of 220*l.* granted on their behalf for books of devotion had been remitted for that purpose. (4.) A letter of J. Bridger, surveyor of her Maty's woods in America, who had been appointed to instruct the Palatines in making tar, pitch, &c., in favour of their being settled on 6,000 acres of land purchased by the Governor on the Hudson River, in the midst of various tracts of pitch pine, suitable for that manufacture which he (Bridger) had been labouring to establish for 13 years. (5.) An account of the effective number of the Palatines subsisted from 28 Sept. to Nov. 1710; and (6.) An estimate of things necessary for their settlement. 34 *pages or parts of pages.*

Nov. 14. 45. Robert Hunter to the Lords [? of the Treasury]. The Comrs of Trade would inform them that there would be no revenue there. Asks that her Majesty would order payment of his salary. The Comrs would also inform their Lps that the Palatines were now settled on Hudson River, near the pine land, so that this great project could not fail of success. 15,000*l.* a year for the two next years would do the work effectually, being about half of what was at first thought necessary. Her Majesty might depend upon tar enough for her navy from her colonies for ever, for there was pitch pine enough, if the number of hands were increased, to serve all Europe. Orphans were disposed of to those who undertook to maintain and educate them, and "by their going to work for wages in the country."

Each person's account was kept apart, as they had to repay what they got now by their labour hereafter. In all probability their numbers would increase, for they were now very healthful. Dated New York, 14 Nov. 1710. 4 *pages, quarto.*

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Nov. 15. 1. John Usher to the Lords of the Treasury. Draws attention to the waste in cutting timber in those parts, and suggests the passing an Act for preserving the same. Dated Newcastle [? America], 15 Nov. 1710. ¾ *page.*

Nov. 15. 2. Proposal of Sir Henry Furnese as to the remittance of 100,000*l.* to Lisbon. Dated London, 15 Nov. 1710. 1 *page.*

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVI., p. 77, is :—" My Lords approve this proposic̃on, with these explanac̃ons that this money shall be furnished to M^{r} Morris within 6 weeks or sooner after ye advice arrives. The bills are to be satisfied by land tax tallys of 1711 in a course not exceeding 1,410,000^{li}, but no interest is to be demanded on ye bills if they should be due before the courses on the tax arrives to that height ; and if the bills do not arrive time enough so as to be satisfied in ye said course, then the tallys are to be struck without interest, & to be endorsed ut supra. Order M^{r} Bridges that he or his deputy do not dispose any of this mony but by my Lords particular direction."

Nov. 15. 3. " Principal and int^{t} due to the Bank, East India Company, banker's debt annuities and loans." Dated 15 Nov. 1710. ¼ *page.*

Nov. 15. 4. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty, recommending to her Majesty the case of William Wright, Esq., Com^{r} of her Majesty's navy at Plymouth, who had been seriously hurt in saving H.M. ship " Kent," which was forced ashore in Firestone Bay when sailing out of Plymouth Sound into Hamoze, and advising the payment of 100*l.* to him. Dated 15 Nov. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 5. Sign Manual for the establishment of general and staff officers for the forces to be employed in the expedition under the command of Richard Lord Viscount Shannon. Dated 15 Nov. 1710. Countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury. 1 *page.*

Nov. 16. 6. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury. The Com^{rs} signed a presentment for the appointment of one James Leland as duly qualified for a landwaitership at Hull, but they received their L^{ps}' warrant for Benj^{n} Colbart to succeed therein. The collector had informed them that Colbart was a boatman there, and very unfit for the office. Ask for further instructions. Dated 16 Nov. 1710.

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Minuted :—"Read 21 Nov. 1710. The Com^{rs} are to issue their deputac̄on according to the warr^{t}, & to order the coll^{r} to app^{o} an able officer to be joyned with him at the delivery of ships, till he is perfectly instructed." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 7. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury to the Receiver General of duties on houses for North Britain, for payment of 20*l.* per ann. to Patrick Dunbar, of Bomeden, as an inspector of those duties. Dated 17 Nov. 1710. 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 8. The Com^{rs} of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclose the incident charges of the office, and pray for payment. Dated 17 Nov. 1710.

The enclosure referred to, and three other papers of a similar nature. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 9. Various memoranda, in M^{r} Lowndes's handwriting, concerning subsidy, additional duty, &c. on muslin; also concerning unrated goods. Dated 17 Nov. 1710.

There is a memorandum at the end that this rule will serve for all other unrated East India goods. 6½ *pages.*

Nov. 18. 10. Copy of M^{r} Lowndes' report concerning unrated East India goods, containing much of the matter included in the foregoing memoranda. Dated 18 Nov. 1710. 5 *pages.*

[About Nov. 18.] 11. Proposal for raising money by a tax on real and personal estates. Signed, "W. Cockcroft." "R. Nov. 18, 1710." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 18. 12. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lords of the Treasury respecting the difficulties attending the management of the revenue under their care resulting from the measures of England and Scotland not being equal, and requiring a parliamentary remedy. The Com^{rs} of Excise, London, had reported on the same, and proposed clauses for a bill, both of which they quote. Dated Excise Office, Edinburgh, 18 Nov. 1710. 6½ *pages.*

Nov. 18. 13. Copies of three letters from R. Bucknall, commissary of musters in Portugal, relating to the deficiency of British troops. In the last he says, "The difficulties we lye under in recruiting is very great, and the charge extraordinary: there's not a man comes from Great Brittain on this account but what costs the officer from 6^{l} to 8^{l}; and considering how many of them dye on their landing, especially when they are sent over by transports. Of 300 men that came ashore here some time since, not a 100 ever got to the regiments." All dated at Lisbon, the last on 29 Nov. 1710, N.S. [*i.e.*, 18 Nov.]. 2¼ *pages.*

Nov. 20. 14. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lords of the Treasury as to the desirability of setting up a horse post from Edinburgh to Glasgow, the foot post not allowing time for answers to letters by the same post. The cost would be 20*l.* per ann. above the 40*l.* at present allowed to the foot posts. If their L^{ps} approved, the postmasters desired a warrant for the same. Dated 20 Nov. 1710. 1 *page.*

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Nov. 20. 15. G. Granville to [Mr. Lowndes ?]. Transmits several establishments of the forces signed by her Majesty for the counter-signature of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Whitehall, 20 Nov. 1710. 1 *page.*

[Nov. 20.] 16. Monsieur William Boissier & Co. to ———, about money due on their bills of exchange. This was the fourth letter they had written to his Excellency to discharge the letters drawn upon Mons. Bridges, and nothing was yet advanced. Merchants could not leave 30,000*l.* inactive without considerable loss. They hoped their Excellencies would make good the loss. Dated Genoa, 1 Dec. 1710 [? N.S., *i.e.*, 20 Nov.]. [French]. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 20. 17. "An account of the issues which have been made out of the fonds given by Parliam^{t} for the year 1710, made up and stated to the 20th November 1710." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 18. A paper as to the allowance of taxes on the salaries of clerks in the Navy Office. Dated Navy Office, 21 Nov. 1710. 1¼ *pages.*

Nov. 2–22. 19. State of M^{r} Brydges' orders for the service of the year 1710 [Army.] Three papers dated 2, 8, and 22 Nov. 1710.

One is signed "Hen. Metcalfe." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 20. Copy of three minutes of Council held at Portsmouth, in the province of New Hampshire, relating to the admission and suspension of M^{r} Richard Waldron as a member of her Majesty's Council of that province. Attested 22 Nov. 1710. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 21. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury, viz., that the estimate for certain new works in the two parks at Hampton Court was very reasonable. Dated 23 Nov. 1710.

The estimate, and plan on the back. 2 *pages, and the plan.*

Nov. 23. 22. "An abstract of the state of all such debts as remain unsatisfy'd and are still due to the officers and soldiers of the army for service done in the late reign, and what is owing to any persons upon the Civil List to the death of her Ma$^{ti's}$ late royal brother King William, 8° March 170½."

At the foot is :—"This was presented 23 Nov^{r} 1710." 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 23. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury as to the sufficiency of the security offered for the performance of the office of Receiver General for part of the county of Devon, Samuel Burridge, of Tiverton, Esq., being nominated as the receiver. In favour of the same. Dated 23 Nov. 1710.

The petition. Note endorsed that the security was to be taken. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 24. 24. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on an anonymous paper concerning the mitigation of a penalty adjudged against Edward Hall "for setting up four private steeping tubs for keeping sweets for sale." The penalty was 200*l.*, which was reduced to 3*l.* Dated 24 Nov. 1710.

The paper referred to. 3 *pages.*

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Nov. 27. 25. Francis Stratford to the Lords of the Treasury. Renews a proposal to supply two quarters' subsidies (5,000 rix dollars) due to the King of Denmark in September last at the rate of 5/3 a rix dollar at 6 per cent., with a deposit of tallies, &c. Dated 27 Nov. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 26. Mr H. St John to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses an extract of his letter to Mons. Vryberge on the claims of the States General for the 13 Dutch regiments. Had also to acquaint Mons. Vryberge that her Majesty would include this demand among the national debts to be laid before Parliament. Dated 28 Nov. 1710.

The extract referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 27. "Report of the Comptrollers of the Accots of the Army [to the Lords of the Treasury] touching the clothing of Col. Jones's regimt in the Leeward Islands, late Collo Lillingston's." Dated 28 Nov. 1710.

Also extract from the minutes of the Board of General Officers for inspecting and regulating the clothing of the army. 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 28. Report of the Duke of Ormonde on the petition of Captain Hugh Owen, in favour of a pension of 5*s.* a day on the establishment of Ireland being granted to him. Dated St. James. 29 Nov. 1710.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye Queen." "A wt."

Letter from the Ld Lieut. of Ireland, report of the Court of General Officers, and the petition. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 29. Mr G. Granville to Mr Lowndes. Sends the estimates of the forces for Spain and Portugal to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury; also an abstract showing the number of regiments serving in Spain and of general officers allowed on that establishment, compared with the number of regiments serving in Portugal and of general officers allowed on the establishment there. Dated Whitehall, 29 Nov. 1710.

The abstract mentioned. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 30. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lords of the Treasury respecting the great abuses committed in building the arsenal at Dublin. The Lords Justices of Ireland had represented that 1,207*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* had been misspent out of 2,901*l.* 17*s.*, and that the work had been stopped by them. The work would, as proposed, cost 31,850*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, and it was probable would amount to as much more, and most people disapproved of its situation. All that was wanted in Dublin was an arsenal or magazine to hold the arms and stores designed to be in the city, which might more properly be built in the castle, and a place for securing the powder, to be built a little out of the town, and both these at far less expense and in half the time. In order that no time might be lost if her Majesty approved, directions for plans, &c. ought to be given, as well as an order for vacating the large establishment of officers and 25 overseers, which were unnecessary, and for the paymaster to repay to the Treasury the 1,700*l.* in hand. Further, as to a memorial for the remission of duty on small arms brought from Holland and elm timber imported from Bristol for the use of H.M. train of artillery; advising the same. Dated St. James's, 29 Nov. 1710.

The report of the Lords Justices on the arsenal. 7 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 31. William Robotham to ——. Draws attention to his 11 proposals, which were delivered too late in the last sessions of Parliament, and sends the head of each project, not doubting that after prudent and serious "speculation" of each of them they would be found worthy of consideration. Dated 29 Nov. 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 29.] 32. Petition of James Heymans, one of the wine tasters of the city of London, to the Lords of the Treasury. M^{r} Josias Chitty, a wine taster, although not established as a surveyor of wine tasters, was allowed 120*l.* a year to make his salary equal to a surveyor's. Praying to be appointed a surveyor of wine tasters, having been employed by his late Majesty during his whole reign to buy and keep all sorts of choice wines for his Majesty's service, and having since her Majesty's accession been appointed to choose, buy, and keep all the wine both for her Majesty's own use and the family.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVI., p. 90, 29 Nov. 1710, is:—"M^{r} Heyman's peticõn to have the addicõnall allowance now rec̃d by way of incidents by one Chetty, a wine taster, to be establish'd on the pet^{r}, is read. The Queen is pleased to take this peticõn into her own hands." 1 *page and* 5 *lines.*

Nov. 30. 33. Report of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of William Burslem, Esq., Receiver General of aids and subsidies for the county of Stafford, in favour of certain allowances to be made to him. Dated 30 Nov. 1710.

Minuted:—"1 Dec^{r} 1710. Agreed, 275*l.* 13. 5¼."

Two petitions and another report on the same subject. 6½ *pages.*

Nov. 30. 34. Report of Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General, to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Sir W^{m} Hodges and M^{r} Leonard Henchman, touching the seizure of a ship laden with Canary wines from the Canary Islands, in Africa, and on the report of the Com^{rs} of Customs thereon. Had no objection to the grant of a warrant for a *nolle prosequi.* Dated 30 Nov. 1710.

The report and petition mentioned.

Minuted:—"30th Nov. 1710. A warr^{t} to be prepared for the Queen to signe." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 35. Account of interest received on Exchequer bills, by the Hon. Harry Mordaunt, treasurer and paymaster of the Office of Ordnance, between 10 Nov. and 1 Dec. 1710. *A few lines*

Dec. 1. 36. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends an extract of some letters from the Earl of Portmore relating to the undertakers for providing the army in Portugal with corn, &c. Dated Whitehall, 1 Dec. 1710.

The extract named, and a petition on the same subject.

Minuted:—"1st Dec. 1710. Off^{rs} Ordnance to be here on Monday next." 4 *pages.*

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Dec. 2. 37. An account of her Majesty's seizures and compositions in North Britain, from 1 May 1707 to the 2nd of December 1710 inclusive. 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 38. H. S^{t} John to the Lords of the Treasury. By her Majesty's commands sends the resolutions of the House of Commons as to moneys paid into the receipt of the Exchequer, and how far the imprest accountants had passed their accounts. Dated Whitehall, 3 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 39. The Officers of Ordnance to Lord Dartmouth as to ordnance stores sent to New England, and as to the continuance of officers employed there. Dated 5 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 5. 40. Estimates of the number and charge of her Majesty's forces to serve in Spain, Portugal, or elsewhere.

"Read 5 Dec, 1710." 8 *pages.*

Dec. $\frac{5}{16}$. 41. D. Luis da Cunha, Portuguese Ambassador, to ———, as to the number of troops for whom the King of Portugal received the subsidies from England and Holland, also as to the numbers raised by him. Charges England and Holland with not having a fourth part of their quotas in Portugal, and so with not fulfilling the stipulations of the treaty. Leaves it to her Majesty to consider whether 666,000 crowns, which is what she yearly pays to Portugal, can maintain 13,000 men (of which 2,000 must be horse), and newly raise them as often as they are lost, and furnish all the expenses of the campaign; to all which her Majesty and the States General are obliged by the Treaty of Alliance. Desires these particulars may be laid before her Majesty. Dated London, $\frac{5}{16}$ of 10^{br} 1710. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 42. Two memorials of J. Brydges to the [Lords of the Treasury] (1), for paying interest and charges to the Bank, and (2), for the disposition of money borrowed of the Bank. Dated Pay Office, 6 Dec. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 43. Certificate, signed R. Coleman, to the Lords of the Admiralty, that M^{r} Dalby Thomas served as first lieutenant in her Majesty's ship "Falkland," under his command, from 20 June to 6 Dec. 1710, and behaved as a good officer, and was well qualified to command H.M.'s ships of the 4th or 5th rates. Dated 6 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 7. 44. Instructions for M^{r} John Baxter, appointed to go as commissary of the ordnance stores at Lisbon. Dated 7 Dec. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 45. Report of M^{r} W^{m} Borrett to the Lords of the Treasury on the petitions of Edward Orrill, Thomas Wagstaff, and others, claiming rewards for being instrumental in apprehending one Purchase and others engaged in riots on the trial of Doctor Sacheverell. Dated 7 Dec. 1710.

Also the three petitions. 4 *pages.*

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Dec. 8. 1. M^{r} Fauquier to William Lowndes, Esq. Since he saw M^{r} Lowndes at Brown's coffee house, he found by account rendered by Sir John Johnson and others that there was a sign manual of 31 March 1697, empowering them (Johnson and others) to receive at the Duchy Court, in or near the receipt of the Exchequer, all wrought plate which should be brought in to be coined, pursuant to the Act. By contract with the Lords of the Treasury, they (Johnson and others) were allowed 6*d.* per oz. for receiving and taking in the same, and paying 5*s.* 6*d.* per oz. as the Act directed, and 1½*d.* per oz. for melting, coining, and carrying to and from the Mint. By the declared account there was 1,127,857 oz. 3 dwts. of wrought plate brought in and received by the contractors; this at 7½*d.* per oz. amounted to 35,245*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*, which was all the charge the Government was at. Dated Mint Office, 8 X^{br} 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 2. Copy of letter of Com^{rs} of Customs of Scotland to M^{r} Lowndes. Had discharged the riding officers, and were filling up the new establishment. The Customs' revenue would increase if they had a foreign trade, and if it failed, their expenses would be lessened, and the fraud in running goods and fraudulent drawbacks would be better prevented. The coast trade from London daily increased. An Act of Parliament seemed to be required against private grants of exemption from customs and excise. The Acts of last sessions had fenced against several frauds, such as drawbacks on tobacco for Ireland, but the Isle of Man was left free to carry on fraudulent trade. From the Union to 25 March 1710, the export of tobacco to the latter place had been 25,000*l.*, but from 25 March to Michaelmas 1710 there had been 76,531*l.* exported. Suggested improved measures. There were very great difficulties in preventing the importation of victual from foreign parts. Small boats frequently imported oatmeal to the western parts of Scotland, which was encouraged by the inhabitants, and the officers were not willing to seize and destroy it. Juries were very unwilling to find offenders guilty of fraud and violence. They proposed to bring English bills in the Exchequer against persons who had run goods Dated Edinburgh, 8 Dec. 1710. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 3. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Respecting stores sent by Col. Vetch and Col. Nicholson to New England. Also encloses three papers relating to the pretended escape of a Dutch slave when Admiral Whittaker lay off Algiers with a squadron of her Majesty's ships of war, for which slave the Consul of Algiers had been obliged to pay. Dated 8 Dec. 1710.

The enclosures.

Minuted:—" A Lr̃e to Ld. D. that my Lords have no objection to the ‸all^{ce} the 152 d^{rs} in M^{r} Coles bill of extra^{rys}." 4 *pages and 2 halves.*

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Dec. 9. 4. "List of the officers of the late Count Nassau's reg^{t} of foot [who were made prisoners]: certifyd by M^{r} Crauford 9 Dec. 1710."

Minuted:—"15 June 1711. To be read again when Sec^{ry}-at-War is here." 1 *page*.

[After Dec. 9.] 5. A list of the English prisoners in Spain.
"Taken at Brihuega the 9th of December 1710.
"Taken at the battle of Villa Viciosa.
"Taken at Denia.
"Taken at the battle in Portugal." 6½ *pages*.

Dec. 13. 6. Order in Council for the petition of the officers and mariners of the ship "Worcester," condemned in Scotland; to be referred to the Lords of the Treasury to dispose of. Dated 13 Dec. 1710. 1 *page*.

Dec. 13. 7. Representation of the Controllers of the army accounts to the Lords of the Treasury complaining that the Agents had taken no notice of repeated applications from them (the Controllers) to send in their regimental accounts, and asking for further directions. Dated 13 Dec. 1710. 2 *pages*.

[? About Dec. 13.] 8. Petition of Josias Mackis and other sailors of the ship "Orange Tree." They dared not go to Guernsey to obtain their wages according to the royal order, unless they had her Majesty's protection, seeing that one of them had been most inhumanly assaulted and another threatened with death. M^{r} Mauger had hitherto most "sinistrously posponded" the petitioners of their wages; praying protection, and an order for immediate payment.

Referred to the L^{ds} of the Treasury 13 Dec. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 13 Decemb. 1710. Josias Macky and John Cassills 10*l.* each out of sec: ser. P^{d} 9 Feb. 171$\frac{0}{1}$." 2 *pages*.

Dec. 13. 9. Secretary-at-War (G. Granville) to M^{r} Lowndes. "About 256^{li} desired to be paid out of the savings of y^{e} off reckonings of Marq^{s} Montandres reg^{t} to the agent of y^{e} reg^{t} late of Lord Mohun's." Dated 13 Dec. 1710. 1 *page*.

Dec. 13. 10. Report of the Attorney General (Sir Edw. Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury. Had re-considered the matter relating to the breakers of quarantine. No provisions by Act of Parliament would be sufficient, if the offenders were not punished in a summary way. It might be proper to enact that if the master of a ship doing quarantine allowed any one to come on shore during the time of quarantine, the ship and goods should be forfeited, &c. Dated 13 Dec. 1710.

Copy of the same, and an extract of a proposal made by the Com^{rs} of Customs to prohibit linen, &c. from the Baltic during the contagion.

Also report of the Com^{rs} of Customs on the subject of quarantine and an abstract of the same. Dated 13 Dec. 1710. 3 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

The above report was made in pursuance of the following minute entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVI., p. 99:—"M^{r} Attorney Gen$^{ll's}$

report relating to the Quarantain having been laid before the Lords of the Councill, their Lops thinke if it be made capitall to break quarantain, it may be thought so severe, that none will be prosecuted. And therefore my Lords desire he will reconsidr that matter & propose such corporall punishmt as he may thinke proper for those who are not able to pay a fine, and mulcts for such as are, and send my Lords his report herein as soon as conveniently he can."

Dec. 14. 11. Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Had endeavoured to procure 12,000*l.* in Exchequer bills, for the payment of 4,000 barrels of powder due to the King of Portugal, by depositing subsidy tallies and orders, to be repaid with interest in three months, but no one would lend the same. The Bank would lend them 12,000*l.* in Exchequer bills payable in two months, and assign them 14,000*l.* of subsidy tallies. Dated 14 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 16.] 12. Petition of Anthony Marquis de Guiscard to the Queen, praying payment of a pension of 500*l.*, and that it might be confirmed by a warrant with an addition of 100*l.* a year more.

Minuted:—"16 Dec. The Lds of the Treasury to consider out of what fund his pension may be pd." 1 *page.*

[The year is inferred by comparison with the letter of 18 Dec. following, and *Annals of the reign of Q. Anne,* the ninth year, p. 337, where there is an account of his arrest for high treason, &c.]

Dec. 16. 13. Report of the Deputy Muster-master General of Ireland to ————, relating to the pay of the regiment of Major General Gorges. Dated 16 Dec. 1710. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 16. 14. Presentment of the Comrs of Salt to the Lords of the Treasury as to allowance for waste on shipments, drawbacks on exportation of fish, as to brine used for pickling, &c., "proposing amendments to be made by Parliamt." Dated Salt Office, 16 Dec. 1710. 10 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 18.] 15. Petition of Robert Clarke, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, to be allowed to clear of brambles, briars, thorns, &c. his farm and lands called Cox Leasows, in the parish of Lindhurst, in the county of Southampton, the underwood being excepted in his lease.

Minuted:—"18 Dec. 1710. Rejected." 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 16. Mr G. Granville to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Communicates her Majesty's wish to grant the Marquis of Guiscard a pension not exceeding 500*l.*, that the same may be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Whitehall, 18 Dec. 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 19. 17. L. Maidwell to the Rt Hon. Robert Harley, Esq., one of the Lords of the Treasury. Had submitted a method of making paper to be stamped with a convexity on both sides, to prevent it being counterfeited. Now proposes to make it the means of a perpetual

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revenue, beyond the temporary profits of the Stamp Office. Com^{r} Tollet, skilled in mathematics, declared himself highly satisfied with it; asks to be made a commissioner of stamps. Dated 10^{ber} 19th, 1710. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 18. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., "for taking up of the Bank y^{e} 25,333^{li} for the Savoy subsidye upon the same deposit that was made for the gold from Lisbon." Dated Whitehall, 19 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 19. 19. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses by her Majesty's command an extract from a representation of the Council of Trade respecting the state of Newfoundland and the fishery there. Dated 19 Dec. 1710.

The extract referred to, which relates to illegal trade there. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 20. Charles Carkesse to M^{r} Lowndes. As to the stoppage of a great number of passengers at Parkgates, Chester, going to Ireland without passes. Dated 19 Dec. 1710.

Copy of letter of Com^{rs} of Customs on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 21. Report of M^{r} Baron Scrope to the Lords of the Treasury. Had no objection to the distribution of a reward as proposed in an annexed report to M^{r} Strode and other officers for seizing several cargoes of wines imported into Scotland, &c. Dated 19 Dec. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Feb. 1710–1. My Lords agree to the distribucōn according to M^{r} Baron Scrope's report."

The report named, and five certificates. 8½ *pages.*

Dec. 20. 22. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury recommending to their Lordships the annexed very important printed case, settled by the late Attorney and Solicitor General, touching the second subsidy on prizage wines. The matter was brought before the House of Lords the last sessions upon a writ of error, obtained by the patentees of the prizage, to reverse a judgment in the Exchequer Chamber, and put off to the present sessions. Dated 20 Dec. 1710.

The printed case and the petition of Sir John Shaw. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 23. Memorials, &c. of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lords of the Treasury for money to be issued for the affairs of that office. The last is 21 Dec. 1710. 8½ *pages.*

Dec. 22. 24. Report of the Postmasters General [to the Lords of the Treasury] on the petition of M^{r} Francis Jones, formerly agent to the packet boats at Falmouth, as to various claims made by him. They saw no reason why he should not clear his balance unless their L^{ps} saw fit to make him any allowance. Dated General Post Office, 22 Dec. 1710.

The petition and 11 other papers.

Minuted:—"12 7br. 1711. My Lord approves the report, seeing no reason to make any further allowances." 17 *pages.*

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1710. Dec. 22. 25. Report of J. [Howe] to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of the four companies at New York, as to deductions from their pay. Dated 22 Dec. 1710.

Minuted :—"12th Feb. 1710. To be considered when any arrears come in, of funds applicable thereunto."

The petition and a warrant. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 26. Memorial of Charlotte Lady Lovelace to the Lords of the Treasury. When her husband was Governor of New York he expended 308*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* for defraying the necessary charges in an annexed certificate, and 172*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* for the Palatines sent over with him; prays payment. Dated 22 Dec. 1710.

The certificate referred to, and the account of sums expended for the German Protestants. 4 *pages.*

[About Dec. 22.] 27. Petition of Josiah Kay, locksmith to her Majesty, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of 653*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, to which his bill had been abated.

Referred to "William Vanbrugh, Esq., Controller of the Treasurer of the Chambers Office," to report thereon. 22 Dec. 1710. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 23. 28. Memorial of Charles Boitt, gent., her Majesty's painter in enamel, to the Lords of the Treasury. Prince George of Denmark agreed to give the petitioner 2,000*l.* for painting a large piece on enamel, of which he had already received by her Majesty's order 1,000*l.*; prays payment of 400*l.* more instead of 300*l.*, which he was to have received at Christmas. Dated 23 Dec. 1710. 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 29. Account of arrears due to clear the subalterns and staff officers of the marine regiments from 25 Dec. 1708 to [24 Dec. 1710 or] to the several days of their disbandment. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 30. Certificate of Benjamin Randall as to prizage money to the 25th of December 1710. 1 *page.*

March 25 to Dec. 25. 31. Accounts of interest on Exchequer bills received by Thomas Micklethwaite, treasurer for transport service, between 25 March and 25 Dec. 1710.

Also accounts of moneys and tallies received and paid by him. 16 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 26. 32. Memorial of James Heymans, one of the wine tasters, for despatch of his warrant as surveyor of wine tasters. Dated 26 Dec. 1710. 5 *lines.*

Dec. 26. 33. Memorial of E. Gibbon and others to the Lord High Treasurer. Had supplied bills for Holland and Flanders for 350,000*l.*, and 4,045*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, at 6 per cent. Pray for payment. Dated 26 Dec. 1710.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVI., p. 109 (apparently connected with this) is :—"Remitters called in. They are to have 100,000*li.* out of ye tallys in Mr Bridge's hand on ye land tax for 1711 in pt of ye monys due to them incl Sir Theo. Janssen." 1 *page.*

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Dec. 26. 34. John Chappel, town clerk of Norwich, to Robert Harley, Esq., one of the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the recruiting of the land forces. 5*s.* a man had been allowed in 1708 to the Commissioners' clerks. There was also an order about the same in the last year, but on the change of the ministry it was not put in execution. Dated Norwich, 26 Dec. 1710.

A postscript refers to the tax upon windows. 1 *page.*

Dec. 26. 35. Lord Dartmouth to Major-General Elliot. Upon the news of the loss of a battle in Spain measures were taken to prevent ill consequences, and since Gibraltar is one of the places the enemy may attempt, it is hoped that the General will be found in a good posture of defence and that succours will be sent. Dated Whitehall, 26 Dec. 1710. (Copy.) 1 *page.*

Dec. 26. 36. Accounts of receipts and expenditure by M^r Benjamin Sweet in connection with the army, ending 26 Dec. 1710. Dated Hague, 26 Dec. 1710 [O.S.]. 15 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 26. 37. Com^rs of Customs (Scotland) to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting the establishment there. They thought it desirable to make alterations, but should proceed by degrees. Could not defer appointing a collector for Dundee. M^r Bruce, whom they removed from Kirkcaldy to that port, never went thither, nor had he cleared his accounts. The new establishment would be 144*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* more for the quarter, but there would be upwards of 800*l.* saved by the non-employment of sloops. Dated Edinburgh, 26 Dec. 1710.

Also copy of a previous letter. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 27. 38. An account of all pensions payable out of her Majesty's revenue of the Post Office, and to whom and when granted. The last entry was on 27 Dec. 1710. 6 *pages.*

Dec. 27. 39. Propositions for her Ma^t's supply for the year 1711, drawn up by M^r Lowndes, and signed by him. Dated 27 Xbr. 1710. 13 *pages.*

Dec. 29. 40. Representation of the Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasurer. As to the reasons why their Lordships should not give directions to the receivers of the land taxes to pay off or clear one land tax (where two are running in the same year) before any money be paid by them upon the tax last granted. Dated 29 Dec. 1710.

Minuted:—" 19 Xber̃ 1710. Read."

Also two extracts from an Act of Parliament. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 2–30. 41. Three letters, three weekly certificates, and an abstract of receipts, payments, and remains of land tax, Crown rents, revenues, &c. due before the Union, returned by Archibald Douglas, of Cavers, Esq., General Receiver thereof in Scotland, and Paymaster of fees and salaries, between 2 and 30 Dec. 1710. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

VOL. CXXVIII. 1710. Classified (Part I.).

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Dec. 1. Various accounts of M^{r} Morrice of his receipts and disbursements in connection with the army, between August and December 1710, including his "General Accompt ending 23 Dec. 1710."

Dec. 2. A parcel of financial papers, such as public debts and incumbrances, residue of public funds, apportionment of funds, and accounts of tallies from 15 Mar. 1709–10 to the end of the year.

Dec. 3. A parcel of reports and presentments of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, and other papers connected therewith, between 16 March and the end of the year.

VOL. CXXIX. 1710. Classified (Part II.), Undated, &c.

Dec. 1. Debtor and creditor account of fees received by the officers in the Treasury, made out monthly from Jan. to Dec. 1710.

Dec. 2. A parcel of original letters from the Com^{rs} of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, and some to M^{r} Lowndes, mostly applying to the Treasury for money to carry out the demands of their office. Many of them enclose estimates for building ships, as well as other estimates, and many of them have notes of the page where they are entered [in a letter book]. Dated between April and Dec. 1710.

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3. Account of beer bought of pursers of H.M. ships of war between 1707–8 and 1709–10. by Jeremiah Kelley, brewer, of Deal. 1 *page*.

4. Four papers as to Stamp duties. One is headed:—"A proposall to increase the revenue of the Stamp Office. There are published every weekly (*sic*) about forty-four thousand newspapers." The names of the papers were:—Daily Courant, London Post, English Post, London Gazette, Postman, Post Boy, Flying Post, Review, and Observator. 6 *pages*.

5. "A list of the severall regiments, troops, and companies under her Majesties pay that were in the late actions in Germany, with the computation of their pay for three months or 90 days." Signed, "H. St. John." 3 *pages.*

6. "Reasons for some amendments to the coinage bill." A paper in Sir Isaac Newton's hand, relating principally to the affairs of the mint in Scotland. Undated, but it is for the amendment of the Coinage Act of 7 Anne. 1 *page.*

7. "His Catholic Majesties accompt 1710." A paper so docquetted, containing payments in connection with the army. 2 *pages.*

8. Papers touching bills and cash transactions of Mr Mead, chiefly with Mr Brydges, charges of the war in Spain and Portugal, sums voted by Parliament in connection with the army, &c. In or about the year 1710.

VOL. CXXX. 1710. UNDATED, &C.

1. Two papers entitled:—"The value of the necessaries supplied by the Usher of the Exchequer to the officers there in three years, and the medium thereupon."

And "Rates allowed the Usher of the Exchequer on his *liberates* for necessaries supplied the officers there." [Perhaps about 1710. The last paper may be later.] 7 *pages.*

2. The case of John Hill, setting forth the abuses in the victualling, which upon a modest computation amount to 115,825*l.* and upwards yearly; addressed to Earl Poulett, one of the Lords of the Treasury. 1710 or early in 1711. 3 *pages.*

3. "An account of what sums have arisen since the demise of the late King William on the revenues granted to him for the use of his civil list, and [have] been applied towards discharging debts and arrears owing thereupon, at the time of his demise." 1½ *pages.*

4. Remittances for the forces in Flanders and other services there so far as concerns Sir Henry Furnese, for the year 1710. 1 *page.*

5. Petition of Samuel Clarke, of London, merchant, to the Rt. Hon. Earl Poulett. Had advanced 9,000*l.*, taking Mr Morice's assurance that his bills would be paid punctually by the Hon. James Brydges, Esq.: prays payment, together with interest. 1710 or early in 1711. 1 *page.*

6. "Mr Hutcheson about ye dutie on snuff." A paper so docquetted, containing suggestions about that duty. ?1710. 1¼ *pages.*

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7. Petition of Barbara Burnet, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury. Had given in frequent petitions to their L^{ps} in behalf of the four starving children of the late Lieut. Calder, killed at the siege of Oudenarde, albeit the Queen nigh two years ago gave order for supply to them. Seeing Christmas was drawing nigh, when her Majesty's bounty was extended to all persons, prayed their Lordships' consideration. ? 1710. [The siege was in 1708.] 1 *page.*

8. Memorial of Thomas Proby, surgeon-general of the army in Ireland, to the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieut. of Ireland. The several surgeons who belonged to the regiments lately disbanded in Ireland, were excluded from half-pay. They had no prospect of advancement as other officers had, and their pay was hardly sufficient to support them when abroad: they would not be able to subsist by practice for a considerable time. It was with the greatest difficulty that any surgeons tolerably qualified could be prevailed on to enter into the service. Asked that their case might be represented to her Majesty. 1710, from the Lord Lieut., and mention of Great Britain. 1 *page.*

9. A paper showing the rates of postage in the old Act and the new rates proposed. 1710, by comparison with *Historical Account of Taxes*, published 1735, p. 356.

Four other papers on the same subject, in one of which there is evidence that it belongs to the year 1710.

10. An account of her Majesty's proportion of subsidies payable to the allies pursuant to the treaties for the year 1710. 1 *page.*

11. Leather dressers' paper concerning imported goods. A paper relating to duties on hides. There was a grant of this nature in 1710. 2¾ *pages.*

12. Subsidies, &c., anno 1710. A paper so entitled.

Docquetted:—" M^{r} Clayton's certificate of the loans on the last years gen^{ll} mortgage." It shows the amounts for which [tallies] were struck. 1 *page.*

13. " An abstract of the particular accounts, showing what sums have been voted, addressed for, or enacted upon account of public services, since her Majesty's accession to the Crown, and how farr the same have proved deficient." ? 1710. 1 *page.*

14. Copy of a clause in an Act of Parliament.

Docquetted:—" Saving in E. Ranelagh's bill." ? before 1711. [The Earl died in 1711.] 1 *page.*

15. Ten papers relating to lotteries, such as proposals, memoranda, and calculations.

16. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury from Theo. Parson, appointed to pay the pensions to widows of officers killed in her Majesty's service in Flanders.

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Docquetted:—"About 1,900^{l} prayed for clearings to ye forces in Flanders, an^{o} 1710, to enable the paying y^{e} allowances to offi^{rs} wid^{ws}." 1 *page*.

17. Proposal of James Milner to the Lords of the Treasury as to the supply of money to M^{r} Thomas Morrice at Lisbon. ?1710. 1 *page*.

18. Various particulars concerning the regiments of Viscount Mountjoy and Major-General Whiteman as to their number and pay; with observations by the paymaster and the controller [? of army accounts]. ?1710. 7 *pages*.

19. "An acco^{t} of what articles in the bills of the publick ministers (now to be paid) are by the Secretaries of State submitted to the Treasury exceeding the regulac̃on." ?1710. 1 *page*.

20. A list of pensions and annuities payable out of the civil list revenues. 1710, or later. [Lord Chancellor Cowper mentioned, who resigned in 1710.] 2 *pages*.

21. Memoranda touching the tin contract. ?1710. 2½ *pages, quarto*.

22. Petition of Henry Walker, George Barclay, and James Greenshields, clerks and episcopal ministers in North Britain, to the Hon. John Smith, Esq., Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in North Britain. Had not failed to witness their zeal for her Majesty's service, by owning her authority and praying for her person and government. Seeing they were not partakers of any part of the public funds for relief of the suffering persecuted clergy there, but instead of being bettered by their loyalty, had been considerable losers, they prayed that they might be put on her Majesty's charity roll, where the three surviving bishops were. ? End of 1710.

Henry Walker and George Barclay had a warrant for 50*l*. bounty on 20 Jan. 1710–11 [probably as the result of this petition]. See *North Britain Book*, Vol. II., p. 221. 1 *page*.

23. Various remarks and suggestions addressed to M^{r} Lowndes on clauses in an Act of Parliament in relation to the stamp duty on parchment or paper. ? 1710 or 1711. 2 *pages*.

24. State of the account of William Hewer, Esq., as Treasurer of Tangier, between the first of April 1684 and the first of April 1689. Addressed to the Lords of her Majesty's Treasury, and signed "E. Harley." Probably made out in 1710 or early in 1711. See *Treasury Letter Book*, Vol. XIII., p. 404. Hewer's accounts were then under consideration. 4 *pages, brief size*.

25. Memorial of Captain Sterling to the Lords of the Treasury. Lately came express from Spain, being sent by Lieut.-General Stanhope to her Majesty, with an account of the posture of affairs in those parts. Had Lord Dartmouth's letter to the late Lord Treasurer, signifying her Majesty's pleasure to him to consider of a proper allowance to be given to him for the charges of his journey.

Nothing had been done, and he prayed for their Lordship's consideration of his case. [? 1710 or 1711.]

Minuted:—"To be layd before the Queen." 1 *page*.

26. "An acco^{t} of talleys remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of th' ordnance." [? 1710 or 1711.] ½ *page*.

27. "The case of the colonels, captains, and clothiers of the old marine regiments." They desire that M^{r} Aud^{r} Harley should restate the accounts, and allow the off reckonings of the full number of men, according to the establishment. [? 1710 or 1711. Harley being then Auditor of Imprest.] See *Treasury Minute Book*, Vol. XV., p. 198. 1 *page*.

28. Petition of Johanna Sayre, daughter of Captain John Coppin, who was commander of her Majesty's ship, "S^{t} George," and killed therein. Has had no money for two years, and has not a bed to lay her aged bones on. Begs an order for some money that she may not starve. [? 1710 or 1711.] 1 *page*.

29. Petition of John Bury, Receiver General of Taxes for the county of Nottingham, to the Lords of her Majesty's Treasury. Prays for a warrant for payment of 384*l.* for extraordinary charges and strong guards. [? 1710 or 1711. The Duke of Newcastle mentioned, who died in 1711.] 1 *page*.

30. "A proposall to furnish her Majesty with five thousand pound per week for a whole yeare in Holland." Offered to the Lords of her Majesty's Treasury by W. Holland. [? 1710 or 1711.] ½ *page*, *quarto*.

31. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury from Joseph Brooksbank on behalf of himself and a great number of clothiers in the counties of York and Gloucester, showing that the Duke of Savoy formerly bought woollen cloth for his army in France, but it having been proposed to his Royal Highness's late resident, Count Briançon, to furnish him with cheaper and better cloth from England, the petitioner provided by contract the cloth for two years successively, for which he was paid out of his Royal Highness's subsidies near 20,000*l.*, but since the death of the Count there had been no further demand. Prayed that the present resident may be acquainted with the matter.

On the back is:—"For y^{e} Right Hon. Robert Benson, Esq." [1710 or 1711.] 1 *page*.

32. Memorial of Richard Holmes to the Lords of her Ma$^{ty's}$ Treasury. Draws attention to neglects in taking account of informations in the Exchequer against persons exporting wool and importing French silks and lace, and also to his having applied to be appointed to make the returns required. [? 1710 or 1711.] 1 *page*.

33. An account of gunpowder furnished by command of her Majesty of Great Britain to the King of Portugal in pursuance of the treaty made with the King in the year 1703. An entry shows that it was continued to the end of the year 1710. 2 *pages*.

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34. A proposal, signed by Edm. Godwin and George Laverick, to raise 200,000*l.* on passengers by stage coaches, on goods carried, &c. ¾ *page, brief size.*

35. Petition of William Drummond, Warden, and other officers of the Mint at Edinburgh, deputed to bring up the keys of the pix, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. They had brought up the pix from Edinburgh to London for the trial of the pix on the 21st inst. The moneys were found to be good according to the appointed standard. Before the Union the trial used to be made before a committee of the Privy Council at Edinburgh. Pray allowance for their expenses. 1 *page.*

36. An account of clothing to be sent to the several regiments of foot in Spain and Portugal. 1 *page.*

37. Petition of Thomas Hill, mason, to the Lords of the Treasury, for himself and other artificers of the horse and foot guards, praying to have their accounts from 1703 to 1710 looked into and paid. Undated, but after Dec. 1710.

Abstract of their bills and copy of another petition and report thereon. 3 *pages.*

38. Copy of a memorial of the Com^rs of the Household about the arrears of the assessment on the palaces of Whitehall and S^t James's. [? 1710, or later.]

39. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury of the undertakers for providing the army in Portugal with corn, praying that peremptory orders might be given to the Board of Ordnance to pay for 4,000 barrels of powder, and to M^r Brydges to pay the bills so long due. [1710 or 1711.] 1 *page.*

40. William Gore to the R^t Hon. M^r Hill. Asks him for the encouragement of the merchants upon the course of the navy, to move the Lords of the Treasury to order the payment of half their debt in ready-money and half in tallies; the latter being under a very heavy discount. [1710 or 1711.]

Minuted:—"My Lords would be glad to gratifie M^r Gore but cannot alter the course of paym^t at the Navy Office." 1 *page.*

VOL. CXXXI. 1711. January to 16 February.

1. Estimates of the charges of various military forces for the year 1711, viz.:—

(1.) Of the war in Spain.

(2.) Of the 20,000 men, troops of augmentation, and of other additional forces since taken into the service of her Majesty and the States General.

(3.) Of her Majesty's forces upon the Establishments of Spain and Portugal, &c., with duplicate of a large portion of the same.

(4.) Of the 40,000 men to act in conjunction with the forces of the allies in the Low Countries.

(5.) Of the charge of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea.

20 *pages or parts of pages.*

2. An estimate of the charge of the office of Ordnance for the year 1711 for land service. 1 *page.*

3. Abstract or gross estimate of the numbers of forces at sea and land paid or payable by Great Britain for the service of the year 1711. 1 *page.*

Jan. 1. 4. Lord Chamberlain (Shrewsbury) to the Hon. Mr Compton. Announces her Majesty's grant of a pension of 20*l.* a year to Elizabeth, widow of Mr Josias Sewell, late page of the removing wardrobe. Dated 1 Jan. 1710–11. 1 *page.*

Jan. 1. 5. An account of extraordinary expenses from 1 Jan. 1709–10 to 1 Jan. 1710–11, for which Isaac D'Alais craved allowance, the chief being postage of letters at Leyden, Hanover, &c. ½ *page.*

Jan. 2. 6. Andrew Dabron to George Granville, Esq., M.P., asking him to intimate to the House of Parliament the great wrong done to the Queen's revenue, and to honest merchants dealing in tobacco, by the continual running of tobacco from North Britain to the north of Ireland. Was, with many others in that part of Ireland, broken by it. Those who intended to run the tobacco drew cockets for the Isle of Man, so as to get the drawback, but instead of going there, only went to the cover of some small island opposite this country [Ireland], and there unloaded it into small boats. Allowing Norway and the Isle of Man drawback moneys before certificates were returned, was the only mother and root of this great evil, which could only be prevented by the Parliament of Great Britain. Dated Ireland, Straban, 2 Jan. 1710–11.

"Recd 15 do [*i.e.* Jan.]." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 7. Report of G. Granville and J. Howe to the Lords of the Treasury about the appointment of a Deputy Judge Advocate for North Britain. 10*s.* a day had usually been allowed for the office. Dated Whitehall, 3 Jan. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"4 July 1711. Enquire whether at this time there be room for it."

Again:—"30 Augt 1711. There is no provision & till there be, the prinll must see that the place be duely executd." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 8. Lord Chamberlain (Shrewsbury) to the Lords of the Treasury. Has taken a furnished house in Pall Mall at 350*l.* per annum, by the Queen's orders, for Prince Kourakin, Minister from the Czar of Muscovy, during his stay. Prays orders to be given to the

Treasurer of the Chamber to pay for the same and for a room refurnished for which the Queen was to pay 50*l.* Dated 4 Jan. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"50*l.* ordd 12th Jan. 1710–11." 1 *page.*

Jan. 6. 9. Lord Portmore to ———. It would be impossible for him to subsist the four regiments of dragoons in the province of Abeyra and Tralos Montes before the opening of the campaign. Intended very soon to review all her Majesty's troops in the province of Alentejo. Sent an account of effectives. They were then at the lowest, for every packet brought over some recruits, which were so bad, that he had ordered some Portuguese or Spanish to be taken. Any method of recruiting would be of more service than what was in use. Wished he could send his Lordship as good news as was sent him, and that things went on as well in Spain as at home. Was afraid there was little reason to doubt that Mr Stanhope was taken, which he hoped was the most the enemy had to boast of. Dated Lisbon, 17 Jan. 1710–11, N.S.

Letter from the same to Mr Lowndes respecting the recruiting of the troops and subsistence of the regiments of Assa and Hogan, reiterating his dissatisfaction. A very indifferent recruit cost 8 or 9 pounds, and scarce a third that were embarked joined their regiments. Same date. 5¾ *pages.*

Jan. 9. 10. The same to Lord ———. Was thus far on his way to review the Queen's troops in the province of Alentejo. On the establishment of last year there was an allowance by Parliament for the Earl of Galway's Spanish regiment of foot, which was taken in the battle of Caya, of which scarce any remained. The money might be applied to other uses. The contingent charges would be considerably increased by the addition of six regiments of dragoons put on this establishment, and by those of Assa and Hogan; and the allowance for the hospital would scarce be sufficient. Hoped nothing would be retrenched that was allowed to Lord Galway. Dated "Aldea Galeya." 20 Jan. 1710–11, N.S. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 11. J. Brydges to Mr Mead. By the misfortune at Brihuega he doubted there was no person in Spain empowered to order Mr Mead to pay money. Until her Majesty should appoint a General, the Lords of the Treasury ordered that he should issue such sums as he (Mr Mead) saw fit for her Majesty's service, in support of the war on that side. As it did not appear how many old corps were taken or what number was lost, he was to use his utmost endeavours to be informed of the true state of them, and how many effectives there were on the spot; and to such only he was to pay subsistence. Where great sums were required he was to transmit an account to the Lords of the Treasury before they were paid. Had sent Lieut.-Genl Stanhope a credit to Madrid, for the subsistence of the prisoners taken at Brihuega, and no money was to be issued for them by Mr Mead. Dated Whitehall, 9 Jan. 1710–11. 2 *pages.*

This letter was the same day submitted to the Lords of the Treasury. See *Minute Book,* Vol. XVI., p. 125.

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Before Jan. 10. 12. Memorial of James Craggs, "her Majesty's Resident to the King of Spain," to the Lords of the Treasury. Prayed an allowance for his journeys to and from Barcelona, and for a field equipage to attend the King of Spain in the campaign. "R. Janu. 10, 1710–11." 1 *page, quarto.*

2 Apr. 1710. and 12 Jan. 1710–11. 13. Establishment of several officers to serve on the expedition under Col. Nicholson, to commence from 1 Apr. 1710, and to continue during such expedition. Dated 2 Apr. 1710.

Also an establishment of 30 serjeants experienced in military affairs on ensigns' pay, to commence 1 Jan. 1710–11. Dated 12 Jan. 1710–11. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 14. Representation by T. Baker and William Gosselin to the Lords of the Treasury as to the sums in the hands of two Receivers General of Prizes, and as to the memorials they (Baker and Gosselin) had sent to their L^{ps} for allowance in connection with prize affairs. Dated 12 Jan. 1710. 1 *page.*

Jan. 12. 15. Representation of her Majesty's Agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury as to the state of the debt of Thomas Lloyd Esq., late Receiver General of Cheshire, Denbighshire, and Flintshire. Dated 12 Jan. 1710.

Enclosed is a list of moneys due to him. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 16. 16. Copy of letter of Lord Dartmouth to the Master General of Ordnance, acquainting him with her Majesty's pleasure, that Col. Richards should be sent as soon as possible to Port Mahon, and from thence to Gibraltar, to inform himself of and report upon the condition of those places. Dated Whitehall, 16 Jan. 1710–11.

Copy of another letter from the same to Col. Richards, directing him to go on the above business. Same date. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 16. 17. G. Granville to William Lowndes, Esq. Sends two extracts from letters relating to bread and forage for the troops in Portugal; also asks directions as to the establishment of two regiments formed out of Spanish and Irish deserters. Dated Whitehall, 16 Jan. 1710–11. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 17. 18. Ad. Cardonnel to M^{r} Lowndes, about the contracts for bread and bread waggons for the next campaign in Flanders; enclosing a certificate of Mons. Slingelandt, secretary to the Council of State in Holland. Dated Westminster, 17 Jan. 1710–11.

The certificate. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 19. An account of what her Majesty has given out of the Civil List for the services of the public since her Ma$^{t's}$ accession to the Crown; distinguishing the services. Dated 17 Jan. 1710–11. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 20. Petition of Mary Ibbetson, executrix of James Ibbetson in the county of York, gent., deceased. Was possessed of a lease of a moiety of Kirkstall Ing in the co. of York, granted by the master of the Savoy in A.D. 1696 for 21 years; prayed to be allowed to renew the lease. Dated 17 Jan. 1710–11.

Referred to John Manley, Esq., Surveyor General, to report thereon. 1 *page.*

Jan. 18. 21. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lords of the Treasury. There were arrears of 2¾ years, due to the groom keepers of the New Forest. Advise their payment yearly, and as much as possible to be made by taking up the old stooles of trees felled for the navy, fuel, and other uses, and by the sale of dotard and decayed trees. Dated 18 Jan. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 19th Feb. 1710. A wt for so much as is due to the offrs." 2¼ *pages.*

Jan. 19. 22. Fees received for Mr Lowndes for banker's annuity orders from the 30th April 1709. Dated Jan. 19, 1710. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 23. Mons. Vryberge to the Lords [of the Treasury]. Asks that the state of the debt due to the 13th Dutch Regiment might be laid before the House of Commons. Dated $\frac{19}{30}$ Jan. 1710.

Minuted:—"3 Feb. 1710–11. Look out all papers belonging to this affair to be layd before the Queen on Monday next." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 24. Report of Mr Edw. Wilcox to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth the repairs required by her Majesty's houses at Lyndhurst in the New Forest, to fit the same for the reception of the present warden of the Forest, estimating the same at 630*l.* exclusive of timber which might be felled in the forest. Dated 20 Jan. 1710.

Minuted:—"Directions have been given already." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 25. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the petition of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Rochester, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the inhabitants of that city, and the towns of Chatham, Gillingham, and Strood, and other places adjacent, respecting the proposed airing of goods from the Baltic at Howfort, in the Medway, from which they were apprehensive of fatal consequences from the plague. Mr Hunt, who had the care of the "quarantain," had reported favourably of the scheme, and the officers of Ordnance had given permission, &c. All imaginable regard had been had to the petitioners' case, contrary to what was alleged in the petition. Mr Hunt had reported that he hoped the petitioners might not be in so much danger as they apprehended, but if they could name a fitter place they ought to be hearkened to; if not, they must rest satisfied with the care taken to prevent communication. The Comrs were of the same opinion. Dated 20 Jan. 1710.

The petition. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 26. Admirals Leake and Byng to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Enclose a memorial relating to some men-of-war of the enemy taken by some of H.M. ships under their command, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated Admiralty Office, 22 Jan. 1710. 1 *page, quarto.*

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Jan. 23. 27. Letter and proposal of William Ward to borrow 1,500,000*l.*, by way of lottery, for three years at 5 per cent. per ann., by which means 1,500,000*l.* would come clear into the Exchequer. Dated "Thamstreet," Jan. 23, 1710. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 23. 28. Memorial of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury. The artificers were two years in arrear, whereof one year and a half had been struck on tallies on tin, without interest, which would not be cleared for two years; praying that the remaining two quarters might be struck on the same fund, and interest be allowed on the whole. Dated [Jan. 23], 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 19th Feb. 1710. My Lords order one qur in money & the rest in tallys on tyn wthout interest."

Also memoranda of totals in the account. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 29. Report of Mr J. Brydges to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of the clothiers of her Majesty's forces as to their off-reckonings. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 23 Jan. 1710–11.

The petition and a list of muster-rolls. 5½ *pages.*

Jan. 25 & 26. 30. "An abstract of the Ld Ranelagh's accots as late Paymaster Genll of the army from the 1st of January 1687 to the 24th of December 1702, the time he quitted the said imploy." Dated the 25th of January 1710. "As also a copy of his Lordp's second paper, dated the next day, giving reasons why his accounts were so far in arrear."

Both papers are addressed "to the Rt Hon. the Committee appointed to inquire how far the several imprest accomptants have past their respective accounts." 4 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

Jan. 26. 31. The answer of the Comrs of the Navy to a paper entitled a method "proposed for the better and more effectual enabling the Treasurer of the Navy to pass his accounts," addressed to "Mr Auditor Harley, chairman of the committee of the House of Commons appointed to enquire how far the several imprest accountants have passed their respective accounts, & to consider of methods for the more effectual and speedy compelling the said accountants to pass their accounts," &c. Dated 26 Jan. 1710. 14½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 32. Memorial of Charles Godolphin, Esq., about the list of custom house debts given in to the committee of the House of Commons; stating how far he had been made acquainted with the transaction of the Commissioners. His opinion was that the reasons for the debts and arrears should be given, &c. Dated 29 Jan. 1710. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 33. Certificate from the Remembrancer's Office in Scotland of the seizure of certain wine, &c. claimed by James Gordon, of Edinburgh, merchant, who paid a fine thereon of 3,206*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* Dated 29 Jan., 9 Anne, 1710. 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 34. Mr Secretary Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Encloses copy of a letter and account received from the Apothecaries' Hall, of medicines furnished by them to the marine soldiers at Gibraltar in the year

1704, that they might be laid before the committee of the House of Commons appointed to inspect the debts unprovided for. Dated Admiralty Office, 31 Jan. 1710.

The copies referred to. 5 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 31.] 35. Memorial of Lieut. Col. Charles Cockburne, Major Alexander Irum, and Major James Cuningham to the Rt Hon. the Earl of Orkney, Lieut.-General of the forces. State their services and wounds during 20 years. Were then amongst the eldest field officers in the army in the Low Countries, and had served there seven years, the lieut.-col. upon major's pay and the two majors on captain's pay, and younger officers had been advanced before them; praying for consideration.

Minuted:—"31 Jan. 1710. Read, his Grace the Duke of M. ꝑsent. His Grace proposes that the 2 batallions of my Lord Orkney may have each a lieut.-coll. & a major; Mr Granville will provide for this in ye establishmt." 1 *page.*

Feb. 1. 36. The Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Forward copy of a letter which they have sent to Mr Auditor Harley, chairman of the committee of the House of Commons appointed to enquire how far the imprest accountants had passed their accounts, &c., that the same may be made known to the Rt Hon. the Lords of the Treasury and Admiralty. Dated Navy Office, 1 Feb. 1710. 17 *pages.*

[The letter referred to is previously described under 26 Jan.]

Feb. 2. 37. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury upon the proposal of Mr Robert Ball, merchant, for paying 3*l.* 16*s.* per c. for 200 tons of tin upon his factor's receipt thereof at Leghorn. Were of opinion her Majesty would be a great loser by the proposal. Dated 2 Feb. 1710–11. 1 *page.*

Feb. 2. 38. H. St John to the Lords of the Treasury. Asked for speedy orders to be given for the payment of 500*l.* to Sir James Wishart, who was going on her Majesty's service to Holland. It was of the greatest importance that he should go over, and he was directed to attempt it, tho' the frost continued and the contrary wind. Dated [2] Feb. 1710–11. 1 *page, quarto.*

Feb. 3. 39. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Charles Duke of Grafton. Was of opinion her Majesty had power to supply a defect in a grant of King Charles the Second to Henry Duke of Grafton, the petitioner's father, of the office of warden of the forest of Whittlewood, in the county of Northampton, by granting the office as the petitioner desired. Dated 3 Feb. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"11 Jany 1711. Read, and Mr Wilcox to propose (in case the grant or confirmacōn desired be made) the cautions that ought to be taken for preserving the Queen's timber."

Again:—"27 March 1712. Warrt to be prepared." 3 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 3. 40. Copy of warrant of the Lords of the Treasury to the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland, for payment of her Majesty's charities and bounties to indigent and necessitous persons in North Britain for a half-year commencing 24 June 1710. Dated 3 Feb. 1710.

The list of the persons, including three bishops. 10 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 41. Mr Brydges' and Mr Granville's report to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Major-General Thomas Pearce, who had been exchanged and was going to Portugal to his command: advising that 1,910*l.* should be paid to him, which would in some measure compensate him for the loss of his baggage when taken prisoner. Dated Whitehall, 5 Feb. 1710–11. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 42. Affidavit of William Bowyer, printer, as to the printing of the 13 vol. of *Rymer's Fœdera.* Dated 5 Feb. 1710–11. ¾ *page.*

Feb. 7. 43. Report of the Surveyor General (Manley) to the Lords of the Treasury. Had perused a memorial and letters patent dated 7 Jan., 26 Charles II., granting a pension of 1,000*l.* per ann. to Richard Lord Arundel for 21 years, to be taken out of the improvement of the revenue in the stannaries, whenever it should take place. The duties remained the same, and there had been no improvement. When her Majesty made any advantage by her contract the pension granted by the patent ought to commence. Dated 7 Feb. 1710. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 44. Portion of a report of a committee appointed to inquire into the public debt, divided under the following heads:—Wear and tear, seamen's wages, victualling, sick and wounded, ordnance office, transport service, army and transport debentures, and the general state to Michaelmas 1710.

Docquetted:—"Report of debts 7 Feb. 1710. Read 12 Feb." 12 *pages.*

Feb. 7. 45. H. St John to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits to them, by her Majesty's desire, addresses of the House of Commons for an account as well of all such public funds granted by Parliament as now subsist, what incumbrances there are upon them, and from what time they were granted; as also an account of the receipts, payments, and remains of money granted in Parliament for the year 1710, as the same stood in the Exchequer at the time when the late Lord Treasurer was removed; for directions to be given thereon. Dated Whitehall, 7 Feb. 1710–11.

The addresses referred to. 3 *pages.*

[About Feb. 7.] 46. Report of J. Brydges to the Lds of the Treasury on the petition of Lieut. Edward Deane of Col. Trepaud's Portuguese regiment of dragoons. Deane had no demand on the office but for his clearings, &c. up to 22 Dec. last, &c. Referred 7 Feb. 1710.

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 47. Report of the same to the same as to the means for satisfying three Spanish officers. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 8 Feb. 1710–11 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 48. A paper commencing,—"To the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of her Majties Treasury some few reasons are offered against the late alterations made amongst the officers of the customs in North Britain by the three Com^rs there." Signed, "Philo. Telonius." He objects to the turning out of such numbers of officers without laying anything to their charge, and the commissioners had chosen some very infamous and ill characters. Several were presented to the best posts who could scarce write their own names, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 8 Feb. 1710–11. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 49. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lords [of the Treasury] on an extract of a letter from M^r Hunt, representing that no watches were kept in the parishes adjoining to the creek in the Medway to prevent persons breaking "quarantain." The three parishes chiefly concerned thought it hard that they should bear the burden for the whole hundred, the hundred thought the charge ought to be on the county, and the county thought it ought to be a national charge. By the Act made this sessions the justices ought to cause watches to be kept for preventing persons from coming on shore or going on board any ship under quarantine. They had power to direct the constables of each parish, at the charge of the parishioners, to keep watch. The justices had no authority to make the hundred or county contributory thereto. Her Majesty might appoint some of her guards to assist. Dated 10 Feb. 1710–11.

The extract. 2¼ *pages.*

Feb. 10. 50. Report of the Com^rs of Customs of North Britain to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of M^rs Janet Swinton respecting certain muslin, &c. belonging to her seized at Leith, the moiety of the value of which was 56*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* Dated 10 Feb. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"3 Feb. 1711. My Lord says when she has discharged her bonds, his Lo^p will move y^e Queen to give her as much as her moyety amounts to." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 12. 51. Secretary at War (Granville) to William Lowndes, Esq. There were no soldiers quartered near Standgate Creek, but two companies of invalids in Tilbury Fort, one company at Upnor Castle and two companies at Sheerness, for the guard of those places, besides the marines, which had their head-quarters at Rochester and Canterbury and were under the directions of the Lords of the Admiralty. Dated Whitehall, 12 Feb. 1710–11. 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 52. Petition of Edmund Townley to the Lords of the Treasury. Asks to be provided for in England, his office of riding officer on the sea-coast of Midlothian, in Scotland, having been sunk. Dated London, 12 Feb. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"12 Febr^y 1710–11. To be read next time pensions are read. W^n the łre comes from Scotland this peticõn to be bro^t in." 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 12.] 53. Petition of Thomas, Earl of Kinnoull, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of arrears of 17,250*l.* due on a perpetuity of 1,000*l.* a year settled on the 4½ per cent. customs of Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands.

Certificate relating thereto.

Minuted:—"12th Feb. 1710. Send to the husband of the duty of 4 & $\frac{1}{2}$ p cent., to certify what money there is in hand of that duty, and whether any part thereof was due in ye late King's time." 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 12.] 54. Memorial on behalf of the four troops of guards and two troops of grenadier guards, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of their clearings due 22 Dec. last in Exchequer notes, and their subsistence to the 23rd instant, and for two months in advance, as they were ordered to Flanders.

Minuted:—"12 Feb. 1710. Ref. to ye paymr & the Secry at Warr." 1 *page.*

Feb. 13. 55. A. Davidson to the Lords of the Treasury. The cause of the low state of her Majesty's Customs in North Britain was the mismanagement of the Comrs of Customs. They were notoriously culpable: 1st, they gave no despatch to merchants or inferior officers in their business. This made such persons bribe the clerks with large fees to get their affairs before the Comrs. 2nd, the Comrs did not advance an officer because he was more honest or qualified than others, but because he was recommended by "so or so," that thereby they might secure more friends at court. Thus the best acquainted with the port and the tricks of the merchants were thrust out, and the ignorant and useless thrust in, thereby encouraging the smuggling trade. Three inspectors of salt duties had been appointed that each Comr might serve a friend. Was informed that the salaries on the new establishment amounted to 2,860*l.* 15*s.* quarterly. If things were so managed, her Majesty would not have as much money in the year as these officers had in the quarter. Dated Edinburgh, 13 Feb. 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 15. 56. Report from the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lords of the Treasury:—(1) On the memorial of the rector, principal, and professors of the University of St Andrews; viz., as to the grants made to the university. They did not know what induced her Majesty to make a grant of 50*l.* per annum to Mr Gregory, contrary to the tenor of the "mortification" of 1668, but they conceived the university might claim the same. (2) On the memorial of Robert Bannantine and David Graham, in which they included John Hogg. Their allegations were true, and as the diminution of their perquisites by the Union was vouched for by affidavits, the memorialists were equitably entitled to recompense. (3) On the memorial concerning Mrs Eupham Johnston, Mrs Martha Johnston, Mrs Margaret Bressey and Mr George Drummond. The Lady Bogy, relict of Sir John Weems of Bogy, had, in 1681, claimed consideration on the ground of a great sum lent to the Crown by her husband, and the above were her daughters or descendants, and now asked for assistance for the same reason. (4) As to the capture of the ship "Catherine" of Rotterdam and her cargo, condemned by the Court of Admiralty. (5) On the memorial of Alexander Ross, under-clerk of the Court of Justiciaries. He had a just claim to be "stated" on the Civil List for

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40*l.* per annum. [*Minuted*:—"30 Dec. 1711. Respited."] (6) As to the allegations in the petition of Mr James Anderson, they were true, and they [the Barons] advised that the recommendation of Parliament should be carried out, viz., that he should have 1,040*l.* Dated Edinburgh, Feb. 15, 1710–11.

Minuted:—"31 Xber. 1711. An abstract as to the professors of St Andrews to be layd before the Queen." 7 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 57. "Mr Granville's report about additional troops to Sir Richard Temples regiment" ordered to Flanders. Dated Whitehall, 15 Feb. 1710–11. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 58. Copy of warrant of the Lords of the Admiralty to Richd Crawley, Esq., receiver of salvage money or other droits and perquisites of the Admiralty, for payment of the fees to the judge, register, marshal, and crier of the High Court of Admiralty, &c. Dated 15 Feb. 1710–11. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 16. 59. Report of E. Harley, Auditor to the Comrs of the Treasury, on the memorial of Paul Methuen, Esq., executor of his father John Methuen, Esq., deceased, Ambassador extraordinary to the King of Portugal. Since the making up of his father's accounts, had found receipts for 2,290*l.* 10*s.* paid to a regiment of Spaniards commanded by Col. John de Ahumada, no part of which had been allowed him which he prayed might be paid to him. No more money ought to allowed as paid to the regiment till some regular state could be formed of their pay, &c. Dated 16 Feb. 1710.

Minuted:—"7 7br 1711. Mr Methwyn to see this report." 2 *pages.*

A duplicate of the above. *Minuted*:—"23 Mar. 1712–13 read." 1½ *pages.*

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Feb. 17. 1. Ordnance memorial to the Lords of the Treasury about discounting 20,000li of malt tallies. Dated 17 Feb. 1710.

Minuted:—"Read & agreed to." ¾ *page.*

Feb. 17. 2 & 3. Mr Burchett to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Sends copy of letter from Sir Charles Hedges, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, relating to the disposal of the perquisites of the Admiralty, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 17 Feb. 1710–11.

The copy referred to.

Minuted:—"19th Feb. 1710. To be laid before the Queen." 2¾ *pages.*

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[? About Feb. 19.] 4. Memorial of George Dalrymple, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Was appointed her Majesty's discoverer of concealed rents in Scotland for life, with a salary of 100*l.* Upon the Union, when the establishment for Scotland was adjusted, his office, by oversight, was forgotten; prays for payment of his salary, and to be put on the establishment.

Referred to Mr Baron Scroop on 19 Feb. 1710. 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 19.] 5. Memorial of Captain Lieut. Stephen Gillman to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that he might have the grant which the Duke of Marlborough had recommended, viz., 250*l.*, to purchase Col. Kane's company of foot.

Encloses a copy of his memorial to the Duke of Marlborough. "R. Febr. 19, 1710." 2 *parts of pages.*

Feb. 20. 6. Memorial of James Brydges to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for money to answer certain officers' widows' allowances, &c. Dated 20 Feb. 1710–11. 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 7. Petition of Col. La Batie, in behalf of himself and above 20 officers of Count Nassau's late regiment of foot, to the Secretary at War, praying for their subsistence to 22 Dec. last. Having been taken at the battle of Almanza they were exchanged in March 1710, and had been in town ever since July in hopes of being employed.

Minuted:—"To be referrd to the Treasury."

The account of the subsistence. Dated 20 Feb. 1710–11. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 21. 8. Memorial of Mr J. Bridges to the Lords of the [Treasury], praying directions concerning extraordinary payments for the garrison of Gibraltar, and that if their Lps ordered that for the future no payments should be made upon bills of exchange drawn from thence for carrying on the fortifications, &c., he might send instructions to Mr Morice at Lisbon. Dated Pay Office, 21 Feb. 1710–11.

Minuted:—"It is the Queen's pleasure that the rules settled with his Grace the D. of Argyle, & entred in the Minute Book the 22th instant [*see* Vol. XVI., p. 159], concerning bills from Spain, be observed concerning ye bills from Gibraltar; that so paymts in the proper offices may be regularly made & accounted for, and Mr Bridges is to give notice accordingly." 1 *page.*

Feb. 21. 9. Report of the Attorney General (Sir Edward Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury. Had considered the petition of Henry Viscount Mountague, brother and heir of Francis, late Viscount Mountague, deceased; and the conveyance mentioned. The abstract thereof was true, and John Caryl, a surviving trustee, being living and attainted of high treason, one moiety of the estate vested in the trustees was vested in her Majesty; and the trusts could not be executed unless an act were passed as was desired. It was just that her Majesty should consent to such an act. Dated 21 Feb. 1710–11.

The petition and abstract.

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Minuted:—"23th Feb. 1710. The Lords Com^{rs} of her Mat$^{'s}$ Treasury direct M^{r} Lowndes to acquaint the Com^{tee} upon a bill for sale of diverse mannors, &c. of the Lord Visc^{t} Montague, that her Majesty (upon hearing M^{r} Attorney's report of 21th instant) doth consent to such Act." 3 *pages.*

? Feb. 22. 10. "A list of y^{e} officers and sold^{rs} in Engl^{d} and pris^{rs} and recruiting for the muster commencing the 24th Dec. 1710 and ending the 22^{d} Febr^{y} follo^{o}." 1 *page, brief size.*

Feb. 23. 11. Charles Caldecot to ———. Had, as well by an address promoted and obtained by his interest against that of a whole party, as also in the elections of the city and county of Lincoln, endeavoured to advance the interest of the present ministry, and thought it the less presumption to ask a small favour, viz.:—to receive the next year's taxes for the parts of Lindsey in the co. of Lincoln. His own estate was sufficient to answer two thirds of the receipt, and the person who now received the taxes had no visible substance. If not thought a proper instrument, would not be easily disengaged from the service of a person who had rescued our constitution out of the mouth of destruction. Was pretty well assured of Lord Dartmouth's recommendation and of others. Dated Feb. 23, 1710–11.

On the dorse is:—"M^{r} Caldicot to be receiver of Lincolne. R. Feb. 23, 1710–11. Negative. Rejected. See reason."

On another paper is written:—"M^{r} Caldicot ofered 300 guineas for the employment to me." 1 *page and* 2 *lines.*

Feb. 24. 12. An abstract, signed J. Brydges, showing the distribution of the sum of 22,000*l.* Dated Pay Office, 24 Feb. 1710. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 13. Certificate of the Magistrates and Justices of the Peace of Aberdeen, that John Thomsone, master of the English school at Aberdeen, and others, the last of whom was Alexander Patersone, late "conveener" of trades of Aberdeen, swore that they knew the deceased James Douglas Baxter, burgess of Aberdeen [a bastard who died intestate], and that he was brought up in the said burgh a poor boy. They had seen him go through the town "in his mother's hand" getting charity; and the said John Thomsone further added that "he was learned" a while in the English school gratis as a poor scholar. Dated at Aberdeen. 24 Feb. 1710. Signed by the Justices and by the deponents. 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 14. Report of J. Brydges to the Lords of the [Treasury] on the memorial of M^{r} Bonet, resident of the King of Prussia, about the supply and arrears requisite for recruiting the Prussian troops in Flanders and Italy. Dated Pay Office, 24 Feb. 1710–11.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"28 Feb. 1710. A copy of this report to be made for M^{r} Chancellour." 3 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 15. Some proposals offered by Joseph Bentley to prevent the smuggling trade from the Isle of Man. He says he does not propose this to the prejudice of Lord Derby, for it would not be reasonable to take his Lordship's prerogative and property without a good consideration. It would be an advantageous bargain to compound the matter with about 500*l.* per ann. The people of the island reckoned they were not subject to the laws of England, unless confirmed by their 24 keys. Dated 24 Feb. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 16. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lords of the Treasury, advising a warrant to be granted for paying 1,956*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, being the charges of holding the last session of Parliament. Dated 24 Feb. 1710.

Minuted :—" Read 19th Apr. 1711. Agreed."

A schedule of the sums. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 17. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury, asking them to give directions to the officers of the Customs to seize " a lusty tall black man going by the name of Campbel, " who had come from France upon treasonable designs, and to send him up to London to be examined. Dated Whitehall, 25 Feb. 1710–11.

Minuted :—" Send a copy to C. Cust. 27 Feb. 1710." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 18. Mr G. Granville to Mr Lowndes. Encloses replies to letters written to Lord Dartmouth and Mr Secretary St. John, concerning the treaties for the German and Italian troops in her Majesty's pay in Spain, in order to form an establishment of those troops according to such treaties. " As there are no treaties yet in form to be found for any of those foreigners, more than the first 4,000 men transported to Catalonia, and the recruits sent, that have been sent for that corps from time to time, although there were 13,020 Germans and Italians paid for the year 1710, besides 3,000 more taken into the service in that year, and 2,000 horse more which are now agreed for, and 500 addittional recruits for the foot, so it will not be possible to form an establishment for these foreigners by which their pay may be regulated till the treaties for them are perfected." Has no certain account of " her Majesty's subject troops " since the misfortune at Briheuga. Submits that the matter should be respited. Dated 28 Feb. 1710–11.

The following is one of the enclosures, the other is not found :—

Copy of a letter from Mr Secretary St John to Mr Granville. Did not find in his office any other treaties or agreements for German or Italian troops in her Majesty's pay in Spain, than that of 14 April 1708, for 4,000 imperialists to be transported to Catalonia, and the subsequent conventions for recruits ; but as her Majesty had agreed this year to take into her pay 2,000 imperial horse for the service of Spain, and had consented to 500 additional recruits for the imperial foot in the Spanish service, above the 2,500 for which conventions were already made, her Majesty had commanded him to write to the Duke of Marlborough to make those treaties in form. Dated Whitehall, 27 Feb. 1710–11. 3 *pages, quarto.*

[About Feb. 28.] 19. Memorial of Col. Thomas Bellew to the Rt Hon. Robert Harley, Esq. Served at the first siege of Limerick as captain, was at the expedition of Brest and the burning of Dieppe. Was at the

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siege of Palamos in Catalonia, and served two campaigns at sea. Served from the beginning of this war and commanded M^{r} Meredyth's regiment at the battle of Blenheim. At the late invasion of the Pretender in North Britain was made Lieut.-Col. of the Militia dragoons, in the co. of Dublin, and there raised a troop at his own expense, mounting most of the men on his own horses. Prayed for a command.

"R. Feb. 28, 1710." 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. Memorial in behalf of the officers of the regiments in Great Britain ordered upon foreign service to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for payment of 12 months' arrears in money and 2 months' clearings, or it would not be possible to provide the necessary equipage. 1 *page.*

March 1. 21. Copy of M^{r} Netmaker's commission to be commissary of the stores in the expedition under General Still. Dated 1 March 1710–11. 1 *page.*

March 1. 22. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury the report of the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations on the petition of James Campbell, merchant, relating to his service and sufferings on account of the colony of Newfoundland. Dated 1 March 1710.

The report referred to, and an abstract of his case. 9 *pages.*

March 1. 23. An account of the poundage and days' pay deducted out of the pay of the army, by James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster of her Majesty's forces, acting in conjunction with the forces of her Majesty's allies, from the 24th June 1705, when he became paymaster of the forces, to the end of the year 1709, and how the same have been from time to time applied.

"P'sented 1 Mar. 1710 by M^{r} Brydges." 11 *pages.*

March 1. 24. The Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Taylor at the Treasury, pressing the claims of M^{r} Pearse, who was still out of "that money." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 1. 25. Col. Samuel Vetch to the Lords [of the Treasury], respecting the bills he had drawn in favour of M^{r} Borland, her Majesty's Agent at Boston, for victualling the garrison of Annapolis Royal, under his (the Col$^{'s}$) command. Mentions that provisions were dearer than they had been for several years past. Dated Boston [? New England], March $\frac{12}{1}$, 1710. 1 *page.*

March 2. 26. Copy of contract between the R^{t} Hon. Henry S^{t} John, Esq., and M^{r} James Blake for clothing, &c., amounting to 25,114*l.* 5*s.* Dated 2 March 1710. 2 *pages.*

March 2. 27. The counterpart of the above contract (original). 1 *large page.*

March 2. 28. The Duke of Ormonde to the Lords of the Treasury. Had cashiered the regiment of dragoons commanded by the Earl of Wharton, giving the non-commissioned officers and privates 10 days' pay as usual, and had appointed certain lieutenants and others to look after the horses, &c. Asked for a warrant for the pay, &c. Dated St James's, 2 March 1710–11.

Minuted:—" Read 19th Apr. 1711. Agreed to." 1½ *pages.*

March 3. 29. An account of money passed to account upon prizage deposits the 3d March 1710. 1 *page.*

March 6. 30. James Moody to ————. Had inspected the Earl of Ranelagh's accounts in Mr Auditor Harley's office, and now stated what accounts had passed since his Lp left his employment on 24 Dec. 1702. Dated 6 March 1710. 1 *page, brief size.*

March 6. 31. Memorial of T. Baker and Wm Gosselin to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the galleon taken by Sir Charles Wager in the West Indies in May 1708, her Majesty's title to a moiety thereof not being yet judicially determined. Dated 6 March 1710. 1½ *pages.*

March 7. 32. Copy of the Treasury Minute of 7 March 1710 fixing the payment of 45,000*l.* out of several funds. Entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVI., p. 171. 1 *page.*

March 7. 33. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Elizabeth Hobson, widow of Samuel Hobson, Esq., late collector of Wexford, praying to be allowed 305*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* on her husband's account, that sum of the public money having been stolen from him; recommending the prayer to be complied with. Dated St James's, 7 March 1710–11.

The petition and two other papers connected therewith.

Minuted:—" 25 April 1711. To be layd before the Queen. June 21th 1711. A wt to be prepared." 4 *pages.*

March 7. 34. Report of the same to the same on the petition and papers of Thomas Bell, of Dublin. merchant, recommending the cancelling of a bond. Same date. Minuted in the same manner. 1 *page.*

March 7. 35. Report of the same to the same, recommending the allowance of 30*l.* per ann. to a chaplain for the castle at Dublin, and 20*l.* to a clerk as a competent maintenance. Dated 7 March 1710–11.

Letter of the late Lord Lieut. on the same subject.

Minuted:—" 25 Apr. 1711. My Lords cannot advise the Queen to make this addl charge." 2 *pages.*

March 8. 36. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Enclosed copy of a letter from the Morocco Ambassador, who desired that 10 brace of spotted deer which her Majesty had ordered to be sent to the Emperor his master might be got ready to be transported with those which he himself had bought for the same use. Dated 8 March 1710–11.

Accompanied by an estimate of the charge of getting the deer, which were obtained from Cashioberry Park, some particulars of presents to the late ambassador, Don Joseph Dias, &c. 11 *pages.*

March 9. 37. Report of the Attorney General to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Sir Wm Hodges and Wm Leonard Henchman touching the seizure of the "Nostra Seigniora del Soccoro," a Spanish ship, laden with Canary wine, from the Canary Islands in Africa, and on the report of the Comrs of Customs; advising a *nolle prosequi* as to her Majesty's moiety. Dated 9 March 1710–11.

Minuted:—"A wt to be p̃pared accordingly."

The report and petition. 4 *pages*.

March 9. 38. Comrs of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury. As to tenders for hemp. The last year 36*l.* a ton was the price, and now 42*l.* to 45*l.* a ton was asked. The reason given was the backwardness of the course, the same being three years in arrear. Dated Navy Office, 9 March 1710. 2 *pages*.

March 10. 39. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the state of the account of the 4½ per cent. in the American plantations, viz., in what manner and how far the Comrs or collectors of those duties had passed their accounts, &c. Dated 10 March 1710.

Also a schedule of the debts of the collectors in the American plantations, and two extracts from letters on the same subject. 11 *pages*.

March 10. 40. Report of the same on the petition of certain merchants of Dublin to the Duke of Ormonde, complaining of two Irish vessels being stopped by the officers of the Customs, having French silks on board. They saw no reason to interpose. Dated 10 March 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 19th Apr. 1711. My Lord (*sic*) agrees to this report of the Comrs Cust." 2 *pages*.

March 12. 41. G. Granville to Mr Lowndes. Respecting two more companies of the Coldstream regiment of guards to be sent over to Flanders to make up eight companies. Had prepared an establishment of the invalids directed by her Majesty to relieve the post at the Tower, and enclosed the same. Dated Whitehall, 12 March 1710–11.

Minuted:—"Read 24th Mar. 1710. My Lords say direccõns are already given in this matter. It's my Lords' opinion that by the Queen's leave the Secry-at-Warr should acquaint the House that her Maty has thought fit to give direction for the forming of 2 compies to do duty in garrison out of the invalids, to be paid out of the fund for invalids." 3 *pages*.

March 13. 42. G. Granville to Mr Lowndes, sending a warrant for discounting several Exchequer bills for the use of the forces under Mr Brydges, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 13 March 1710–11. 1 *page, quarto*.

March 14. 43. The same to the same. For the Lords of the Treasury to be moved for an advance of subsistence to troops ordered on foreign service. Dated 14 March 1710–11.

List of the same.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Mar. 1710. The paymrs must make their demands in writing to-morrow." 2½ *pages, quarto*.

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March 17. 44. Mr William Evans to the Lords of the Treasury "about a fraud in obtaining a tobacco debentur at Dublin." Dated Bristol, 17 March 1710–11. 1 *page.*

March 17. 45. Report of the Paymaster General of Guards and Garrisons (Howe) to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Brigadier Bissett, praying to be allowed, out of the money charged to the detachment of Coldstream guards some time since in Spain for recruits, a sum which he received there for that service, and which he lost on board in coming to England with Sir Cloudesley Shovell; advises that the allowance should be made. Dated 17 March 1710–11.

Minuted :—"Read 22 March 1710."

Another report thereon, and the memorial.

The other report is minuted :—"Read 19th Feb. 1710. There is no provision made for losses of this kind." 4½ *pages.*

March 17. 46. The Duke of Queensberry to the Lords of the Treasury. Announces her Majesty's pleasure that the account of the allowance to the Earl of Stair as her Majesty's Envoy extraordinary to the King of Poland, should be made up to the date of the letter. Dated Whitehall, 17 March 1710–11.

Two other letters, two memorials, an account of his expenses, and "a state of the Earl of Stair's demand." His claim was for 2,043*l.* 8 *pages*, 3 *halves.*

March 20. 47. James Dayrolle to Mr Lowndes. The whole number of Palatines except 13, according to the list, were landed at Rotterdam. They were all paid 5 guilders per head. Asks his good offices with the Lords of the Treasury in behalf of the two Comrs at Rotterdam, Mr Henry Toeren and John Van Gent. They were honest men, full of zeal for her Majesty's service and the Protestant interest, who thought to do wonders for England by helping those people over, tho' it proved otherwise. Dated Hague, March $\frac{20}{31}$, 1710–11.

The list referred to. 9 *pages.*

March 21. 48. "An estimate of the yearly charge of the public ministers as they now stand for their ordnary entertainments & extrarys within the regulac̄on." Dated 21 March 1710–11.

It shows all their names and rates of pay. The whole amounted to upwards of 81,000*l.* per ann. 1 *page.*

March 22. 49. Cofferer's memorial for 16,842*l.* 9*s.* 5¼*d.* to clear Midsummer quarter, 1710. Dated St James, 22 March 1710–11. 1 *page.*

March 22. 50. Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury. Had by their Lps' commands given orders to prevent the transportation of any of the Palatines into Great Britain. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 22 March 1710–11. 1 *page.*

March 22. 51. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Byerly, Collector and Receiver General of the revenues in the province of New York, who was illegally suspended from his office by the Governor, Lord Cornbury, and claimed to be paid his salary during the time of his suspension, as well as from the 24th of Jan. preceding the date of his commission. The office was executed by commission until his arrival, and the division of the salary between the Comrs and him, as recommended, would be difficult, but from the time of his suspension, the salary was due to him, and the claim of Faukonier, who executed the office during the suspension, ought to be disallowed. Dated 22 March 1710.

Minuted:—"Read 22th May 1711. Her Mat's warrt to the Govr of N. Yorke agreeable to this report." 3 *pages.*

March 23. 52. J. Burchett to Richard Warr, Esq., Secretary to the Lord Dartmouth, Principal Secretary of State. None of her Majesty's ships were bound to the Mediterranean, but those under command of Capt. Hartnoll from Plymouth to Ireland, and from thence to Lisbon and the Straits. Their Lordships did not think the 50 deer to be sent to the Emperor of Morocco could be conveniently sent thus. Dated Admiralty Office, 23 March 1710–11. 1 *page.*

March 23. 53. G. Granville to W. Lowndes, Esq. As to the bread and forage in Portugal, the price was so excessive that Lord Gallway, when he commanded there, gave every trooper 7½*d.* a day above his pay to enable him to subsist, and the Earl of Portmore on his arrival approved thereof; but as the troops, when in the field, would subsist on the forage they found there, he could not estimate the cost for the year. Some latitude should be given to the Earl of Portmore to continue the payment. Lord Portmore found himself unable to complete the nine troops of 45 men each out of Spanish and Irish deserters, and thought that six troops of 60 men each might suffice. [Minuted in the "abstract," "Agreed to."] The "exceedings" in Portugal were represented at the foot of the Portugal and Spanish estimate. Reminds their Lps that the Earl of Portmore represented as absolutely necessary that another physician should be added to the establishment for the flying hospital, an assistant apothecary, and another clerk to the director of the hospital, as well as an augmentation of the contingencies of the establishment. If 2,000*l.* under the head of contingencies were added, the expense of these officers might be defrayed out of that sum. Dated 23 March 1710–11.

An abstract of the same. 4½ *pages.*

March 23. 54. The same to the same. Had received the copy of a letter from Lt General Stanhope to Mr Brydges, concerning the prisoners lately taken in Spain. Sent in one column the abstract of the same, and in the other his report. The cost of the prisoners per month would be 9,415*l.* 19*s.* 11$\frac{3}{7}$. [It principally relates to the pay and subsistence of the prisoners taken at Briheuga, including those taken at and since the battle of Villa Viciosa.] Dated Whitehall, 23 March 1710–11. 3½ *pages.*

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March 25. 55. A list of fees and salaries payable at the Exchequer out of the Civil List revenue, and what remains to clear the same to Lady Day 1711. 3 *pages.*

March 25. 56. A similar list of pensions and annuities. 2 *pages.*

March 26. 57. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the representation of the merchants of London trading to Virginia and Maryland, asking that their bonds might not be put in suit; advising that the law should not be put in force, but that they could only be relieved by Parliament. Dated 26 March 1711.

The representation referred to, with signatures. 3 *pages.*

March 27. 58. Report of Edward Wilcox, Surveyor General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Berkley, representing that his late Majesty granted to the late Earl 6,000*l.*, to be raised by sale of underwoods in the Forest of Dean; certifying their Lordships that there were still 1,750*l.* unpaid. Dated 27 March 1711.

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. The warr^{t} to be confirmed."

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

March 27. 59. T. Baker and William Gosselin to William Lowndes, Esq. Send a state of the arrears of prize money to be laid before their Lordships. Asks that their L^{ps} should be put in mind of their several reports on prize accounts, particularly on the petition of M^{r} Alex^{r} Hamilton, late agent in the West Indies. Dated 27 March 1711.

The "state" referred to. 3 *pages.*

March 27. 60. "The Comptrollers of the Acco^{ts} of the Army report on the memorial (and reference) of Capt. George Nodes, late agent to the Lord Mordaunt's regim^{t} in Spain," relating to the accounts of that regiment. Dated 27 March 1711.

"The papers or vouchers referred to in the Controller's report." 30 *pages and 5 parts of pages.*

March 28. 61. G. Granville to M^{r} Lowndes. Was directed by the Committee of Council and General Officers who were of the Privy Council, to desire the Lords of the Treasury to order credit to be given to the Earl of Leven for three months' provisions to be put into the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling, and Dumbarton; also to put him in mind of the levy money due for recruiting the Marquis de Montandre's regiment at Portsmouth. Dated Whitehall, 28 March 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 29 March 1711. M^{r} Granville to attend next Monday morning." 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

March 28. 62. The Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Secretary Lowndes. Objecting to defray out of the naval money the charges of her Majesty's subjects (being seamen) who fell into the hands of the enemy, orders having been sent to the consuls at Naples, Genoa, and Leghorn to undertake that business. Dated Navy Office, 28 March 1711. 1½ *pages.*

March 29. 63. G. Granville to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting a company of invalid soldiers from Chelsea Hospital and their equipment.

They were to do duty at the Tower of London. Also as to two other companies from the said pensioners to strengthen the garrisons of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Those who refused to serve to be struck off the pension. The several companies of invalids to be recruited out of them, and not otherwise. Dated 29 March 1711. 2 *pages.*

March 31. 64. Accounts of the sums issued at the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Treasurer of her Majesty's Navy out of the funds for the year 1711 between the 25 December 1710 and 31 March 1711. 2 *pages.*

March 31. 65. Similar paper of issues to James Brydges, Esq., for the same period. 2 *pages.*

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[? About April 2.] 1. Memorial of John Hill, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. Complains of the ill-treatment received from Mr Wallis, who endeavoured to set aside the good intentions of their Lordships, who, by a minute of the 26th of July, had obliged Mr Wallis to satisfy the memorialist and his wife their disbursements before he obtained his grant of the forest or chace of Arkingarthdale, in the co. of York. Prays their Lps not to grant Mr Wallis's patent until the memorialist was paid 1,000*l.* for his and his wife's disbursements.

Copy of report of the Surveyor General on the same subject, referred to in the memorial. Dated 2 April 1711. 3½ *pages.*

April 2. 2. Memorial of Richard Jones to the Lords of the Treasury. Had made shot and shells for the Board of Ordnance for five years, and saved her Majesty between 15,000*l.* and 20,000*l.*, but their Lordships had transmitted several letters received from unknown hands to that Board, on which they seemed disinclined to employ him. Could then deliver what was wanted at 1,000*l.* less money, besides saving her Majesty 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* by making the shot and shell out of her own old metal. Asked their Lps to write to the Board of Ordnance to contract with him. Dated 2 April 1711.

Another letter from him, in which he explains how it was he erased certain words from a debenture, for which he was to be tried. A letter signed "A. E." on the same subject, and a letter from the Duke of Leeds on his behalf. 6 *pages.*

April 3. 3. Representation of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lords of the Treasury as to the year's arrears of the household service. The purveyors (of whom the most part suffered extremely by the arrears of the late King) had furnished provisions as far as their stock and credit would allow. The inferior servants were reduced to the utmost necessities; prayed for consideration. Dated 3 April 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 5 April 1711." 1 *page.*

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April 3. 4. J. Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes, sending a copy of a letter received from Captain Hosier, commander of H.M. ship "Salisbury," going to Jamaica with other of H.M. ships, giving an account of the condition of the men for want of their wages, that it might be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, the other ships being in the same circumstances. It would be an act of charity to pay them at least a year of their wages, her Majesty's fleet being not yet all paid up to 1 July 1708. Dated Admiralty Office, 3 April 1711.

Minuted :—"Read 5 Apr. 1711."

In the letter referred to the Captain says the men had drunk water for the most part of the winter. 2 *pages*.

April 3. 5. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lords of the Treasury on the report of the Com^{rs} of Customs, and on the two drafts enclosed, relating to the Isle of Man. They had no objection to the same if it were thought proper to give the inhabitants liberty to import the produce of their own island custom free, and to the Lord Derby the like privilege for the wines, brandies, and beer therein mentioned, in consideration that the island should pass a law to prevent the running into Great Britain goods exported from hence, which had received a drawback. Dated 3 April 1711.

The report referred to. 1 *page*.

April 5. 6. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of L^{t}-Col. Gilbert Depagez, recommending an increase of his pension to 6*s*. a day. He had served as engineer at Alicant, Port Mahon, and Gibraltar. Dated Whitehall, 5 April 1711.

Minuted :—"21 June 1711. Prepare a w^{t}." 2 *pages*.

April 5. 7. Similar report of the same in favour of Peter Franquefort, a captain in the marines. Same date.

Minuted :—"A warr^{t} for 3^{s} a day." 1 *page*.

April 5. 8. Similar report in favour of granting a pension of 2*s*. 6*d*. a day to Mary de Lisle, widow of Peter de Lisle. Same date.

Minuted :—"A w^{t}."

Divers other papers relating to the application for the pension. 11 *pages*.

April 6. 9. Petition to the Queen, of Richard Lawrence, appointed her Majesty's agent and consul general to the Turkish Government at Tunis. The French and Dutch consuls residing there were punctually allowed 2,000 crowns per ann., besides their extra disbursements on special occasions, and hitherto no such encouragement had been settled on the English consul, which had lessened the esteem of this nation there; and for want thereof the reputation and person of M^{r} Goddard, who had represented that character for about 11 years past, had fallen into the lowest contempt. He was so ill-treated by being put in chains and by other barbarities offered to him, that he became lunatic four years since, and the recovery of his understanding was altogether desperate. Encloses a paper containing the extra charges which M^{r} Goddard was at. Prays for such a settlement as was made on the consuls at Algiers and Tripoli. Dated on the back, "Apr. 6, 1711."

The paper referred to, and a representation of the merchant traders to Turkey, Italy, and other parts of the Mediterranean, in favour of such a settlement. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 6. 10. Memorial from the Morocco Ambassador (Bentura de Larie) to Lord Dartmouth, urging the quick despatch of the deer which her Majesty had ordered, and desiring permission to send with them a coach, 19 chests of delf tiles, six chests of China ware, 10 bales of cloth, some fine linen and other things for his master and the Sultana's family. It would also add to the fame and splendour of her Majesty if some person were sent to take care of the present. Dated 6 April 1711. 1½ *pages.*

April 6. 11. H. St John to the Lords of the Treasury. By her Majesty's command sends a letter, enclosed, concerning 30,000 crowns which her Majesty agreed to pay for putting the Elector's troops in a condition for service. Their Lps would see how pressing the Duke of Marlborough was for the remittance. Dated Whitehall, 6 April 1711.

Minuted:—"10 Apr. 1711. My Lords direct Mr Brydges to write to Mr Sweet to supply this money out of the moneys already remitted for the troops in Flanders, and care will be taken to repay it by the next remittances." 1 *page.*

April 7. 12. C. Godolphin to the Lords [of the Treasury]. By the Act of Union all ships belonging to the Queen's subjects of Scotland at the ratification of the Treaty of Union, tho' of foreign build, were to be deemed of the build of Great Britain. Proofs thereof were to be sent to the officers of customs at Edinburgh, to be entered in a register, and from thence to be sent to be entered on the General Register in the port of London. There being no such General Register, except that kept in his (Mr Godolphin's) office, the Lord Treasurer obtained her Majesty's warrant for registering the Scotch ships, and 235 certificates of ships registered were transmitted from Edinburgh; the proofs of 149 were satisfactory, and 86 were defective. The last were entered apart. Had prepared a clause to be passed into a law on this subject. Also added an abstract of the oversea and coast trade of North Britain for three years in certain species of goods. Dated Custom House, London, 7 April 1711.

The clause and abstract referred to. 5 *pages.*

April 7. 13. Copies of letters and other papers relating to the charges of the Lords Justiciary in their circuits in Scotland. The first is dated 22 March 1708–9, and the last 7 April 1711. 10½ *pages.*

April 9. 14. "Fees payable to the secretary and clerks of the Treasury for warrants signed there which regard the revenue of customs in Scotland that were despatched and sent away without fees." "A copy of this given Mr Jett to transmit to Scotland 9 Apr. 1711." 2 *pages.*

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April 10. 15. Report of the Auditors (Harley and Mainwaring) to the Lords of the Treasury on the bills of exchange drawn and on demand, made on account of the late expedition under Col. Nicholson to Port Royal, in America. Dated 10 April 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 10th Apr. 1711. My Lords agree to this rep^{t}, and direct a S.M^{ll} to be prepared accordingly."

Schedule of the bills, and a second schedule somewhat differently worded, with much the same information. 7 *pages*.

April 10. 16. G. Granville to M^{r} Lowndes, enclosing a warrant to allow 3*s*. a day to Capt. Fayrae, late of Col. Dubourgay's regiment, to be placed on the list of French pensioners in Ireland. Dated 10 April 1711. 1 *page*.

April 10. 17. An account of tallies remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ordnance. April 10, 1711. 1 *page*.

April 10. 18. Abstract of the musters of her Ma$^{t's}$ forces in Great Britain according to the last return of muster rolls. At the foot is, "Ex^{d} D. Crauford, Aprill 10th, 1711." 1 *page*.

April 10. 19. Order of Council as to a report on the petition of Sarah Long, widow of Capt. Thos. Long, late commander of H.M. ship "Bredah," who was killed in an engagement off Lisbon, for a provision for her support; referring the same to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 April 1711.

Report from the Admiralty on the same subject. 2½ *pages*.

April 10. 20. Extract from a letter of the Duke of Marlborough to M^{r} Secretary S^{t} John, stating that the Elector Palatine's minister had represented that his master was in great want of the 30,000 crowns allowed by the Queen, and asking that the money might be immediately sent. Dated the Hague, 10 April 1711. 1 *page*.

April 12. 21. The Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of what money had been received and paid by the office for the year 1711. They would find great difficulty in carrying on the general business of the office, having lately received her Majesty's command for fitting out a train of artillery with stores, officers, &c. for an expedition, amounting to 19,720*l*. 9*s*. 2*d*. Dated 12 April 1711.

The account referred to. 4 *pages*.

April 13. 22. Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury. Had made such alterations in a draft of a bill for laying duties on skins, hides, &c., as they considered most conducive to the good management of those duties. Dated 13 Apr. 1711. 1 *page*.

April 13. 23. The Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Had communicated their L$^{ps'}$ minutes to the artificers, who insisted on being paid in ready money. Had complained that it was their L$^{ps'}$ intention that if money or Exchequer bills could not be procured for the tallies, then they should be paid in those tallies, with interest, from 29 Sept. 1710. Dated 13 Apr. 1711. 1 *page*.

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April 13. 24. G. Granville to M^r Lowndes, sending her Majesty's instructions for the Deputy Paymaster of the Forces going on the present expedition, for the counter signature of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 13 April 1711. 1 *page.*

April 17. 25. Memorial of Capt. Charles Callaghan to the R^t Hon. the Lord Pawlett, asking that M^r Bridges might be ordered to pay his warrant on account of his subsistence, and to enable him to return to Portugal. Was unable to apply personally on account of his (the Captain's) debts. Dated 17 Apr. 1711.

Referred to M^r Brydges to report. 1 *page.*

April 18. 26. G. Granville to M^r Lowndes. Sends a draft of an establishment for 1,500 invalids who were upon pension in Chelsea Hospital, to be formed into companies for her Majesty's service. Dated 18 Apr. 1711.

Minuted twice. The second Minute is:—" 24 April 1711. My Lords recommend it to M^r Granville to take his opportunity of mencõning the forming of these Invalids & making them useful to the house." 1 *page.*

April 18. 27. The same to the same. Col. Andrew Windsor had informed himself that the tallies ordered by the Lords of the Treasury for the use of his regiment were on the last year's malt, after the sum of 570,000*l.* No one would deal with them, being so remote, and the fund uncertain. Several of the officers had been arrested for debts of the soldiers for want of their pay. Dated 18 Apr. 1711.

Minuted:—" Read 19th Apr. 1711. These tallys were not issued or delivered for the subsistence of the soldiers, but were advanced on ye acc^t of such regim^{ts} as were debtors to Col. Windsor for men & armes đd in Spaine, as appears by a minute of 9 Apr. 1711. Desire M^r Granville to be here to-morrow morn by 9 a'clock." 1 *page.*

April 19. 28. Memorial of John Champante to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of the merchants' names to whom the bills he had named were due, when they were drawn, and the sums; also sending an account of their case; praying full satisfaction. Dated 19 Apr. 1711.

The bills were drawn by John Nanfan, Esq., late Lieut.-Governor of New York.

The account referred to. 3 *pages.*

April 19. 29. Report of Lord Ormonde to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. William Rieutort, who had served at Landau in Portugal, at the sieges of Gibraltar and Barcelona, and several other places; recommending him for a pension of 10*s.* a day. Dated Whitehall, 19 Apr. 1711.

Minuted:—" 21 June 1711. The pet^r must apply to y^e Secr̃y of Warr for a com^{on}." 1 *page.*

April 20. 30. Report of the same to the same on the petition of Mary D'Arzilliers, widow of the late Marquis D'Arzilliers, who was her

Majesty's minister at Geneva, for the continuance to her of her husband's pension; advising a pension to be granted of 3*s.* a day Dated 20 April 1711.

Minuted:—"16 Augt 1711. Agreed." 1 *page.*

April 21. 31. Certificate from the Jewel Office of the delivery to Viscount Townsend, ambassador extraordinary to the States-General, of plate of the value of 2,502*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Signed, "Robt. Sedgwick." Dated 21 April 1711. 1 *page.*

[? About April 21.] 32. Petition of Robert Coggan, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, for a lease to fill up his term for 31 years, or for 31 years on his surrender of the manor of Epworth, in the county of Lincoln, granted in 14 James I., for 99 years, in trust for the then Prince of Wales.

Minuted:—"21 Apr. 1711. Ref. to ye Surveyr Genll." 1 *page.*

April 21. 33. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Had received the commission appointing Comrs for fortifying the harbours and docks at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, and desired their Lps' directions. Dated Office of Ordnance, 21 Apr. 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 21. 34. An account of tallies remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ordnance, September 29, 1710. Dated April 21, 1711. 1 *page.*

April 23. 35. Copy of Captain Cartwright's state of cash. Dated Antwerp, the 23th of April 1711 [O.S.]. [Army payments.] 2 *pages.*

April 23. 36. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Catharine Codray, widow of Captain Noah Codray, who was killed at the battle of Almanza, praying a pension; recommending a pension of 3*s.* a day. Dated 23 April 1711.

There are two minutes on the back, the second of which is:—"31th Mar. 1712. A wt to be prepared."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

April 24. 37. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the tallies which were ordered to be paid to the artificers. "Many of them were already broke." It would be for her Majesty's service that as much favour should be shown to them as was possible, and if their Lordships could conveniently order them a quarter's payment (about 30,000*l.*) it would give them fresh credit, &c. Dated 24 April 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 25th April 1711. My Lords adhere to the direccõns they gave on reading the last petn of the artificers." 2 *pages.*

April 24. 38. Copy of a letter from Lord Dartmouth to Brigadier Stanwix, asking him to transmit an account of the state of the fortifications of Gibraltar, as it was one of the places the enemy might most probably attempt. Dated 24 Apr. 1711. 1 *page.*

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April 25. 39. Mr Secretary St John to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the sums due to the Lord Ambassador Raby, for his ordinary and extraordinary allowances, and for the expense of his journey from Berlin to the Hague. Dated Whitehall, 25 Apr. 1711. Signature cut away.

Minuted:—"28 Aprill 1711. Read." 1 *page*.

[After April 25.] 40. An account of the sums received at the Exchequer for the service of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c. in tallies and orders upon the general mortgage granted for the year 1710, with the disposition thereof. ½ *large page*.

[? About April 26.] 41. Petition of David Kineir, clerk, vicar of Chertsey in the county of Surrey, to the Queen. His predecessor had left him with so ruinous a vicarage house that it must be pulled down and rebuilt. It was situate in a churchyard too scanty for burying the dead. It was designed to pull down the house and add the ground to the churchyard, and to build a new vicarage house elsewhere. The vicar could not effectuate so good a work without her Majesty's assistance, and as her Majesty was a proprietor in the parish and more particularly had two little woods or groves named Fangrove and Stubbridge, the cutting of which had usually been bestowed for such charitable purposes, the petitioner prayed for the next cutting thereof, being of about 100*l*. value.

Minuted:—"26 Apr. 1711. To be laid before ye Q." 1 *page*.

April 26. 42. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. Asks him to move the Lords of the Treasury to subsist the men impressed for the fleet until the tenders appointed for the purpose should come to the ports, and to make certain payments to the officers who brought the men thither. Dated 26 Apr. 1711. 1 *page*.

April 27. 43. An attested copy of the warrant for paying Richd Lawrence 1,314*l*. 10*s*. 1*d*. out of the contingencies of the army and hospital in Portugal for the year 1711. Dated 27 Apr. 1711. 1 *page*.

April 27. 44. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Sending a list of the superannuated officers of the Navy, and the arrears due to each at Lady Day last, and an abstract of the whole. Dated 27 April 1711.

The list referred to. 16 *pages*.

April 28. 45. Report of the Comrs of Revenue (Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury upon the petition of Anthony Morris, as to information given by him of fraudulent practices in the revenue and great abuses in supplying the common enemy with men, and running large quantities of goods, for which services he had no encouragement: denying or explaining statements made by him. Dated 28 Apr. 1711.

The petition, "An account of prejudicial practices carried on and encouraged at Gallway in Ireland," and a state of the case. 7½ *pages*.

April 30. 46. Lord Dartmouth to the Board of Ordnance. Had written two letters to the Duke of Marlborough, Master General of the

Ordnance, and one to the Governor of Gibraltar. Had assurances from his Grace that instructions should be given for visiting the fortifications of Port Mahon and Gibraltar, and transmitting hither an account of the condition of those places, &c. Dated 30 April 1711. 1 *page.*

April 30. 47. Letter of Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury enclosing the following in relation to the settlement of poor Palatines in Ireland. Dated 30 April 1711.

Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Queen. Had transmitted the memorial of the Palatines in Ireland to the Lords Justices there, who referred the same to the Com^{rs} for the Palatines in Ireland, who had made an ample report thereon, annexed. If the allowance of 40*s.* a year to each family were made, it need not continue longer than seven years, as that would be sufficient to try whether they would establish themselves there. Dated Whitehall, 20 April 1711.

Also the report of the Com^{rs} for the Palatines, two accounts of money paid for their use, and an account of moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of London upon her Majesty's brief for their relief.

The covering letter is minuted:—"Read 21st June 1711. To be considered." 12 *pages.*

[? After April 30.] 48. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber to the Lords of the Treasury, praying an order for payment of 322*l.* 10*s.* in part of 800*l.* for an organ in the chapel at Hampton Court. Also for 255*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* for six months' rent of a house hired for Prince Kourakin, minister from the Czar of Muscovy. Signed, "Mos. Giraudeau." 1 *page.*

May 1. 49. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Sir James Jeffreys, praying that his expiring grant for seven years of 30*s.* per day on the Irish establishment might be renewed and made up to 21 years; recommending the continuance thereof for 10 years. Dated Whitehall, 1 May 1711.

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^{e} Q. A gr^{t} dur. p^{l}."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

May 1. 50. M^{r} Granville to M^{r} Lowndes, "ab^{t} a w^{t} for a pension to Capt. Fayrae." Dated Whitehall, 1 May 1711.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye Q." 1 *page.*

May 1. 51. T. Baker and W^{m} Gosselin to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., sending various papers in relation to the galleon taken by Admiral Wager, together with counsel's opinions taken about that matter, to be laid before their L^{ps}. Dated Prize Office, 1 May 1711.

In a paper from them of the 27th of April they submit whether the House of Commons might not be moved to explain the words of the Act which related to prizes in America. 5 *pages.*

May 1. 52. Copy of letter from Lord Dartmouth to M^{r} Durand. Instructing him to go to Gibraltar to report what was necessary to be done

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for its further security. But these orders were conditional, and he was not to comply with them if his services were more necessary elsewhere. Dated Whitehall, 1 May 1711. 1 *page.*

[After May 1.] 53. Extract of the Queen's instructions to the Board of General Officers for inspecting and regulating the clothing of the army. Dated the 14th of January 1707–8.

Also, extracts of the Queen's regulation for the better government of the forces. Dated 1st of May 1711. 2 *pages.*

May 2. 54. Secretary-at-War (Granville) to M^{r} Lowndes. The horses of the dragoons in Scotland should be put to grass on the 15th, but no grass parks had as yet been provided for them. On receipt of orders, M^{r} Campbell would attend to them. Dated Whitehall, 2 May 1711. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

May 2. 55. The same to the same. Was commanded by her Majesty to acquaint the Lords of the Treasury that she would name the officers for the three invalid companies to do duty at the Tower and four more at Portsmouth. The establishment for that service should be despatched. The guards left at the Tower and at Portsmouth were insufficient. Same date.

Minuted:—"Read 3 May. Write to M^{r} Granville to prepare an establishment accordingly, but before he brings it hither for my Lords' countersigning he is to acq^{t} the ? Q. as my Lords formerly desired him." 1 *page.*

May 2. 56. An account of wood and coals laid in by Sam. Clark for the service of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiss^{rs} for Trade and Plantations. May 2, 1711. 1 *page.*

May 3. 57. H. S^{t} John to the Lords of the Treasury. Would not have troubled their L^{ps} at this time of hurry, and when there were so many demands for money, if it were not absolutely necessary that something should be done for the foreign ministers.

He says, "Those in my province are so farr in arrear of their appointments that they are in a manner pawned in the several places where they reside, and I heartily wish that some of them may not be forced by their necessity to little shifts below their characters, and dishonourable both to the Queen's service and to the nation. Give me leave my Lords very earnestly to recommend to your Lordships' consideration this case, which has a worse effect than you can possibly imagine." Dated 3 May 1711.

Minuted:—"Read eod̃ die." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

May 3. 58. Report of the Secretary at War (Granville) to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Lieut.-Col. Delauny, in behalf of Lieut.-General Gorges, as to taking off the respits on off-reckonings, &c. Dated Whitehall, 3 May 1711.

Minuted:—"18 7ber 1712. This having been transmitted to the Comm^{rs} for stating the army debts, and returned without any report made thereupon, my Lord will not enter into the considerac̃on thereof." 4 *pages.*

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[? About May 3.] 59. Petition of the officers and mariners of the ship "Worcester" to the Queen. Notwithstanding all their petitions, &c., they remained the same objects of her Majesty's compassion they had been for these five years, their L^{ps} declaring there were no moneys appropriated to the use of the "Worcester." Pray her Majesty's directions to their Lordships to report out of what moneys they could be paid, or for a sign manual for the sum due, not exceeding 900*l.*

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury to report, 3 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 5. 60. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury as to the method used in computing the duties on unrated East India goods. Dated 5 May 1711. 1½ *pages.*

May 7. 61. "May 7, 1711. An acc^{t} of generall mortgage tallys, 1710, in the name of the Hon. James Brydges, Esq." 1 *page.*

May 7. 62. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Encloses petition of John Corso, a Genoese merchant, who complained that he had been robbed of his ship and all his substance, amounting to 30,000*l.*, by Kidd, the pirate, and that he had proved his property in the Court of Admiralty to 6,472*l.* 1*s.* which had been disposed of to Greenwich Hospital. Dated 7 May 1711.

Minuted:—"4 July 1711. The Act of Parliam^{t} has disposed ye money."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About May 7.] 63. "An acco^{t} of the distribution of 859*li.* 12*s.* received from y^{e} Hon^{ble} James Brydges, Esq., to raise recruits for the several regiments of dragoons in Spain." Signed "Giles Stevens."

Minuted:—"Read 7th May 1711. The auditors to prepare such a warr^{t} as they thinke proper." 1 *page.*

May 8. 64. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for the issue to them of 56,000 odd pounds. Dated 8 May 1711. 2½ *pages.*

May 8. 65. The Com^{rs} of Customs to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Much doubted if the clause relating to the exportation of tobacco for the Isle of Man would answer the end proposed. It might be a means of breaking the agreement made with the Earl of Derby. Dated 8 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 8. 66. M^{r} Whitfield's memorial [to the Lords of the Treasurer] about subsidy tallies for the year 1710. Dated 8 May 1711. 1 *page.*

[? About May 8.] 67. Memorial of M. Studholm to the Lords of the Treasury. Asks for an order for putting on padlocks on the gates of her Majesty's private road to Fulham, whilst under repair.

Minuted:—"8 May 1711. Orderd that he lock up the gates, & make two gates in the places agreed upon by M^{r} Surveyo^{r} Gen^{ll} and himselfe." 1 *page, quarto.*

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May 9. 68. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the army (Meadows and Brodrick) to the Lords of the Treasury, on the respits which appeared at the Pay Office. Dated 9 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 9. 69. Copy of royal warrant giving instructions for the Paymaster of the forces, and his deputy in Spain and Portugal. Dated 9 May 1711.

Also an epitome of the same on the outside. 4½ *pages.*

May 9. 70. Similar copy of instructions for William Chetwynd, Esq., Envoy at Genoa, relating to embarkation of troops, buying corn, and negotiating money for the service of the war in Spain. Dated 9 May 1711. 3 *pages.*

May 9. 71. Similar copy of instructions for the Commissary of provisions in Spain and Portugal, with an epitome thereof on the outside. Dated 9 May 1711. 1½ *pages.*

May 11. 72. Memorial of Samuel Edwin, Usher of the receipt of the Exchequer, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 2,763*l.* 15*s.* 5¾*d.*, for various necessaries supplied, including weights and measures sent to North Britain. Dated 11 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 13. 73. Letter from Mr J. Kynaston to [? Mr Lowndes], complaining of the distribution of stamps in Salop and Montgomeryshire, and desiring if the distributor were dismissed that Mr Thomas Phillips of Shrewsbury should be appointed. Dated Winslow, 13 May 1711.

Minuted:—"Ref. to C. Stamp dutys, & if the accusations be true to appoint Mr Tho. Phillips of Shrewsbury." 1 *page.*

May 14. 74. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, showing in reply to a resolution of the House of Commons, that the quantity of plate brought in on Friday and Saturday was 71,584 ozs. 10 dwts. of old plate, and 35,767 oz. of new; the first at 5*s.* 5*d.* per ounce came to 19,387*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.*, the second at 5*s.* 8*d.* per ounce came to 10,133*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* and there was two or three thousand pounds' worth to be weighed. Dated Mint Office, May 14, 1711. 1 *page.*

May 14. 75. Report of E. Harley to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial and account of the Treasurer of the Chamber, advising that her Majesty's warrant was necessary for allowing the payments in the Treasurer's account amounting to 1,631*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* The same warrant might include the salary of Mr John Holbech as clerk to the Treasurer, if their Lps saw fit. Dated 14 May 1711.

Minuted:—"4 Oct. 1711. Wt accordg to the report." 2 *pages.*

May 15. 76. Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury. Had received by grant from Parliament 71,000*l.* for this year's service, and they were 163,000*l.* in arrear. Asked for an advance. Dated 15 May 1711.

Minuted:—"Read ye same day." 1 *page.*

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May 16. 77. Mr G. Granville to Mr Lowndes, in relation to the renewing of the contract for foraging the dragoons' horses in Scotland. Had written to the contractor to take up grass for the horses in such convenient places as the Earl of Leven should appoint. Dated Whitehall, 16 May 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

May 17. 78. J. Burchett to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Orders were sent to the several vice-admirals to forbear "impresting" men for the fleet in regard the expense would be great, and the advantage uncertain; so that there would be no occasion for interrupting the Custom House officers. Dated Admiralty, May 17, 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 17. 79. Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, "about 3,580*l.* 6*s.* 8½*d.* due for powder & arms sent to Ireland." Dated 17 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 21. 80. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an extract of a letter received from Mr Chetwynd, relating to the subsistence of the imperial troops to be sent from Vado to Barcelona. Dated Whitehall, 21 May 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 22 May 1711. Write to my Lord Dartmth that Mr Chetwyn has already recd direction to draw bills for ye services under his care, and their Lops are still of ye same opinion, because it is difficult for the remitters to find credit after such large sums as have been already remitted, & my Lords desire my Lord Dartmouth to write Mr Chetwin accordingly, and that his bills shalbe duely complyed with. 22 May 1711. Lr̃e writ."

The extract referred to. 2 *pages.*

May 22. 81. The same to Brigadier Stanwix. Until he (Ld. Dartmouth) received an estimate of the extraordinaries at Gibraltar he could give no further satisfaction. Dated Whitehall, 22 May 1711. (Copy.) 1 *page.*

[About May 22.] 82. Petition of George Granville, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury. King Charles II. granted a perpetuity of 3,000*l.* per ann. out of the tin revenue to John Earl of Bath, and his heirs for ever, which by the death of William Henry, late Earl of Bath, the petitioner now claimed.

Minuted:—"Read 22th May 1711. Mr Granville is to make a state of his title to the wthin mencõned perpetuity, & my Lords will ref. to Mr Att. & Mr Sollr Genll, and in the meantime directions to be sent to the Recr of Cornwll to take care not to make any paymts thereupon till further order." 1 *page.*

May 24. 83. Report of the Surveyor General (John Manley, Esqre) to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Pitt, of Old Sarum, in the co. of Wilts, Esqre, as to the renewal of a lease of a close or field of 45 acres, called Pall Mall Field, and a house thereon, parcel of the manor or bailiwick of St James's, formerly held by Mr Hervey and Sir John Coell, as trustees for the Earl of St Albans. Dated 24 May 1711.

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Minuted:—" 25 Feb. 1711–12. My Lord will consider this when the Com^{n} now executing ab^{t} this bailywic shall be returned." 4 *pages.*

May 24. 84. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Sends a memorial from the Ambassador of Morocco which concerns a present of spotted deer to his master, and urges their despatch. Dated 24 May 1711.

The memorial referred to. 3 *pages, quarto.*

May 28. 85. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lords of the Treasury on the works performed by M^{r} Henry Wise at Hampton Court and at S^{t} James's. The prices were reasonable, and none of the works were in his contract. The bill exceeded the estimate because the canal was dug 5 feet broader than was at first intended, &c. Dated 28 May 1711.

Minuted:—" 25 June 1711. Prepare a direction for ye mony."

The bill referred to. 4 *pages.*

May 28. 86. Lord Dartmouth to the Lords of the Treasury. Transmits a letter from Lieut.-General Stanhope for orders to be given thereon. Dated Whitehall, 28 May 1711.

The letter presses the claim of Sir Francis Arther, who had subsisted so great a number of prisoners of all nations that, unless relieved, he would be ruined. 2 *pages.*

May 29. 87. An estimate of what is owing to clear the Civil List to Lady Day 1711. Dated 29 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 29. 88. G. Granville to M^{r} Lowndes. The Lords of the Committee of Council and General Officers of the Army desired that all possible despatch might be given to an affair, depending in the Treasury, of Brigadier Bisset, who was under orders to serve in Spain, and should take the first convoy to Lisbon. Dated Whitehall, May 29, 1711.

Minuted:—" 8 June 1711. Look out the report & send the answer thereupon to M^{r} G." 1 *page.*

May 29. 89. M^{r} Auditor Harley to M^{r} Lowndes. Had considered the memorials presented by M^{r} James Brydges, Paymaster of the forces abroad, relating to the war in Spain and Portugal, as to payment of subsistence, contingencies, extraordinaries, &c., advise that effectives only should be paid, &c. Dated 29 May 1711. 2 *pages.*

[Between Aug. 1710 and May 30, 1711.] 90. Memorial of Sir John Leake and Sir George Byng, Knights, in behalf of themselves and several commanders of H.M. ships, their officers and companies, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the payment of the prize money due to them on the capture of prize ships in the years 1704 and 1705, and not yet paid.

Copy of the Queen's warrant in connexion therewith, and another paper containing "alteration to the warrant for paym^{t} of y^{e} gun money." 4½ *pages.*

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[Before May 30.] 91. Memorial of J. Smith and J. Scrope to the Lords [of the Treasury] as to the provision for the invalids (soldiers) in Scotland. Undated.

Minuted:—" A w$^{\text{t}}$ signd 23th June 1711." 2½ *pages*.

[Between Aug. 1710 and May 30, 1711.] 92. Petition of Mary Purdon, wife of Captain George Purdon, to the L$^{\text{ds}}$ of the Treasury. Presented a petition five years before to the Queen, setting forth her husband's service, his loss and sufferings. He had served five years in the army in the reign of King Charles, was afterwards in the service of the Queen's father, during the war in Ireland, as captain of horse, " with the loss of bread and fortune," and since then came over to serve King William and Queen Mary, on the capitulations of Limerick, in the like post, and was then assured by proclamation from the Government that all who would come over and serve the Crown of England should be entertained and established equally with the rest of the English army. Upon which the petitioner's husband came over, and was entertained for about three months, and then was, with others, the like officers, broke, without any consideration for horse or arms. Upon this petition, the Queen ordered that the petitioner's husband should be taken care of and provided for; since which time he had often applied to serve the Queen, &c., yet had received neither half-pay nor other subsistence, save some small bounty money paid to the petitioner. The family are in a state of utter ruin, &c., the petitioner being afflicted with gout, and her husband in daily dread of being cast into prison; prays that they may be provided for, by such quarterly payments as the Queen shall think fit.

[Between Aug. 1710 and May 30, 1711, from mention of " the Com$^{\text{rs}}$."] 1 *page*.

[Between Aug. 1710 and May 30, 1711.] 93. The case of Thomas Bradford, who had seven years before given information against the Captain and Lieut. of H.M. ship " Medway," to one Richard Natt, a Custom House officer. Complains of ill-usage from the Com$^{\text{rs}}$ of Customs and others, and asks the Com$^{\text{rs}}$ of the [Treasury] to consider him. [About the same date.] 7 *pages*.

Between Aug. and May 30. 94. Petition of Captain George Carleton to the Lords of the Treasury. Was on the half pay list in Ireland when he went into Spain, where he voluntarily acted as engineer, but being sent by the Earl of Gallway for the defence of Denia was there made prisoner-of-war and continued so for four years, and so was struck off the list. Prays to be reinstated in his half pay. [Before 30 May 1711, being four years after the siege of Denia and the Lords of the Treasury being mentioned.] 1 *page*.

Between Aug. and May 30. 95. The case and petition of great numbers of weavers, for upwards of 20 years employed by the Royal Lustring Company of England in making lustrings and alamodes, in and about Spitalfields, to the Lords of the Treasury. They could not but acknowledge that their masters (the said company) had relieved them in the most calamitous time ever known in their trade, when many of them

were starving for want of employment, but they dreaded a return to those times in case the company should be dissolved. The making of these silks in England was a new invention, brought to perfection by the French Protestant refugees and by the petitioners' endeavours, so that they could boldly say that they might vie with (if not outdo) the city of Lyons in France, from whence Providence sent that valuable manufacture. The fabric had struggled against French emissaries and fraudulent importers, who had so far ruined the company that the number of looms was reported to be reduced from 768 to 100. Praying their L^{ps} to find means to keep the manufacture in England. With numerous signatures. Undated.
Minuted:—"To be read on Monday." 3½ *pages.*

May 30. 96. G. Granville to M^{r} Lowndes. Seven companies had been formed out of the serjeants and corporals on pension in Chelsea Hospital, to do duty at the Tower and at Portsmouth. Eight more companies were to be formed. The Lords of the Council desired that the Lord Treasurer might be moved for his approbation to the establishment, a draft of which had been sent. Dated Whitehall, 30 May 1711.
Minuted:—"6 June 1711. The establishmen^{ts} menconed to be lookt out & layd before my Lord." 2 *pages.*

May 30. 97. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Martha Mary de la Garde, widow of Captain de la Garde, deceased, advising that a pension of 2*s.* a day should be bestowed on her. Dated 30 May 1711.
Minuted:—"A w^{t} for 2*s.* a day."
Also her petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 98. Similar report in favour of Capt. Robert Phillips, viz., for 50*l.* per ann. Same date.
Minuted:—"A w^{t}."
His petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 99. Similar report in favour of Captain Henry Sankey, viz., for half-pay as captain of foot. Same date.
Minuted:—"A warr^{t} to be ꝓpared."
His petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 100. Similar report in favour of Francis Sartre, viz., for a pension of 2*s.* a day. Same date.
Minuted:—"A w^{t}."
His petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 101. Similar report on the petition and papers of the college of Dublin. The House of Commons of Ireland had addressed her Majesty to grant 5,000*l.* for building a library in Trinity College, Dublin, and her Majesty was inclined to comply therewith; advising that her Majesty's letters should be obtained for that purpose. Dated Whitehall, 30 May 1711.
Minuted:—"W^{t} signd." 1 *page.*

May 31. 102. Memorial of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for a supply to carry on the service. 163,000*l.*

were due. The Board also laid copies of two reports on the same subject before his Lp. Dated 31 May 1711. 1 *page.*

May 31. 103. "Report from the Lords Committees for records." The Committee had by former reports represented the ill state of the Lower Treasury of the Court of Queen's Bench, which was so damp and noisome that it was prejudicial to the records and dangerous to the health of the officers. There was a large room fit for that service adjoining to Westminster Hall, formerly belonging to the Court of Wards, which then held some records and books of the Court of Wards, the same lying in great confusion. The Earl Marshal proposed that they should be removed to the Herald's Office and the committee were of opinion that this should be done and a schedule of them made. There was a little old house built up against the before-mentioned room, which stopped the windows. It belonged to her Majesty's fishmonger or yeoman of the salt stores. It seemed to be an encroachment. With certain alterations a place might be made for a Lower Treasury of the Queen's Bench, for consultations, &c. The Com^rs further draw attention to a previous resolution for an enquiry into the titles of persons possessed of houses or rooms adjoining Westminster Hall." Dated "Die Jovis 31° Maii 1711."

Order of the House of Lords that the above report be laid before her Majesty by the Lord High Treasurer. Dated the same day.

[The surveyor general was to treat with this fishmonger about his interest and to make enquiries. See *Letter Book,* Vol. XIII., p. 438. In the same *Letter Book,* p. 448, is a letter dated 21 Sept. 1711 on the subject of these records and a proposal of M^r Anstis of 29 June 1711 concerning them.] 3½ *pages.*

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[?After May.] 1. Petition of John Garland, a surety of William Cawthorpe, deceased, late Receiver General of part of the county of Leicester, to the Right Hon. Robert Earl of Oxford, Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain. There was a balance of 40*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* between the petitioner and Cawthorpe, about which he was daily vexed. Prayed a remedy. There is also a further setting out of the case on the next leaf.

[The Lord High Treasurer referred this petition to the Com^rs of Taxes for their report, and it is entered in *Reference Book,* Vol. VII., p. 452, on 17 April 1711, which date is not easy to account for, as the Lord High Treasurer was not appointed until 30 May 1711.] 2 *pages.*

June 1. 2. Memorial of the Lord Ryalton, late Cofferer of the household, to the Lord High Treasurer. It was the constant usage of the office that the cofferer had the payment of the arrears due to the household

up to the time of his removal, or his executors after his death. Prays a warrant to authorize him to receive and pay the arrears. Dated St James's, 1 June 1711.
Minuted :—" Agreed to." 1 *page.*

June 2. 3. H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty desired that directions might be given to pay Mr D'Alais, her secretary at the Court of Hanover, 180*l.* for a year's extraordinary expenses, and 40*s.* a day from 1 Jan. last in lieu of all expenses and other pretensions, and 20*s.* a day up to that time. Dated Whitehall, 2 June 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 2. 4. Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to William Lowndes, Esq. Were in the way to discover the runners of wine and brandy. Would try *devenerunts* this term for the embezzlements mentioned. The Dutch men-of-war that came as convoy to merchantmen carried on this running trade, and the customs' officers were resisted by them. Some wines had arrived which appeared to be French, but the officers, with the experience of former juries, would not seize, and so these wines were entered as Spanish. Dated Edinburgh, 2 June 1711. 2½ *pages.*

June 4. 5. An account of sums issued to James Brydges, Esq., either in money or tallies, out of the funds for the year 1711, and the uses to which the same were applied from 22 Dec. 1710 to 4 June following. 6½ *pages.*

June 4. 6. William Palmes to the [Lord High Treasurer]. Congratulating his Lp on his appointment. Could only ward off the heavy blow levelled against his poor estate at Malton, till the last day of the term. If he did not meet with his Lp's assistance in the matter of the coinage of farthings he should be reduced to the last extremity. This alone could give new life to his affairs. Dated 4 June 1711. 3 *pages, quarto.*

June 4. 7. Payments out of the funds for the service of the year 1711. 4 June 1711. 1 *large page.*

June 5. 8. Petition of Richard Earl of Ranelagh, late Paymaster-General of the forces and Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Entered on those two employments on 1 Jan. 1685 and resigned at Christmas 1702. His accounts were then only passed to March 1692 by reason that most of the great payments were only upon account and without clearing. Since Christmas 1702 he had passed his accounts from March 1692 to 24 Dec. 1701, and had delivered to the auditors of imprest his final account ending Christmas 1702. The auditors had disallowed in his account to 1701 upwards of four and a half millions, alleging that tho' they were actually paid by the petitioner yet they could not allow them, not being regularly vouched according to the strict rules of the Exchequer. Finding this great sum could not be allowed him except by privy seal (although the sums were paid by positive directions), he applied to the late Lord Treasurer, who referred it to the auditors, who after an examination lasting for three years, reported that the same ought to be discharged and a privy seal was prepared to discharge the petitioner of 3,856,248*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* which had lain before the Lord Privy Seal since last August. Petitioner was then 70 years of age, and very uneasy about these affairs. Asking his L^{p} to prevail with the Lord Privy Seal to pass the same and to refer the remainder of his disallowances to the auditors of imprest, with directions to hasten their report thereupon. Her Majesty had ordered him 750*l.* without account for his labour in making up his accounts, which he paid to his clerks, &c. For 22 months he had received nothing wherewith to pay his clerks, &c., and they would certainly leave him if not paid. Prays for a speedy and good supply, which he solemnly promises is the last he will ever desire. Dated 5 June 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 6. 9. Report of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on a proposal of Sir Theodore Janssen to take any quantity of tin not exceeding 150 tons to be delivered to his order at Leghorn and Genoa after the rate of 4*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. Advising that the offer should be accepted. Dated Mint Office, 6 June 1711.

The proposal named. 2 *pages.*

June 7. 10. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer as to the charge of repairing Carisbrook Castle, &c., in the Isle of Wight. Dated 7 June 1711.

Minuted:—"July 3^{d} 1711. See a state of the Land Revenue in the Isle of Wight & Hampshire, & whether the charge of these repaires can be supplied out of the same." 1 *page.*.

June 8. 11. Comm^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. Give an account of their several agents abroad in the victualling service, viz., at Lisbon, M^{r} Stephen Bisse; at PortMahon, M^{r} Joseph Gascoigne; at Gibraltar, M^{r} Alonso Vere; and at Jamaica, M^{r} Joseph Gyde, of the securities given by them, &c. Dated 8 June 1711.

Minuted:—"11 June 1711. To be considered w^{n} the affair of the victualling comes on." 4 *pages.*

June 8. 12. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer. Had not received but 20,000*l.* for twelve months, and were so far in arrear, that unless they received some money they could not carry on the service further. The undertakers for maintenance of the sick at the ports would be two years in arrear at Midsummer; unless relieved they must be ruined. The hospital at Deal was shut up, the undertaker could proceed no further, and the rest must do the same, and the seamen must perish in the streets. The Com^{rs} asked on this head 36,733*l.* 6*s.* 6¼*d.* and altogether 71,683*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Dated June 8, 1711. 2½ *pages.*

[About June 8.] 13. Memorial of Henry Earl of Grantham to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays for a royal warrant for an arrear of 1,325*l.* on a pension of 1,000*l.* per ann.

"R. June 8, 1711."

Minuted :—" June 1711. To be laid before her Ma^{ty} when she sits in y^{e} Treãry."

Again :—" 1,325^{li} orderd as bounty out of y^{e} rev^{s} of Irel^{d} according to ye prayer of this peticõn." 1 *page*.

[About June 8.] 14. Memoranda of proceedings in the Court of Queen's Bench in a cause William Lord Forbes v. Robert Forbes, Bart. The latter was a debtor to the former, and agreed to pay him 700*l.* besides costs.

"R. June 8, 1711." 2 *pages, brief size.*

[It is not apparent why this is among these papers.]

June 11. 15. The Secretary-at-War (Granville) to William Lowndes, Esq., for an allowance to be appointed for a chaplain to the garrison of Hull, as was lately done for Portsmouth and Berwick. Dated 11 June 1711.

Minuted :—" 14 June 1711. To be considered w^{n} the augmentacõns proposed to be made to establishments shalbe under consideracõn." 1 *page*.

June 13. 16. R. Walpole to the Lord High Treasurer, soliciting on behalf of his brother the payment of 1,906*l.* 6*s.* for his allowance and extraordinaries, as secretary to "the Embassy," such a sum being a great share in a younger brother's fortune. Dated June 13, 1711. 2 *pages*.

June 13. 17. H. S^{t} John to the Lord High Treasurer. Had formerly sent the complaint concerning two Dutch sea-officers, who had been ill used by the officers of the customs, and had transmitted Mons. de Vryberge's memorial on the same subject, since which a resolution of the States had been communicated to him (M^{r} S^{t} John), a translation of which he enclosed. His Lordship would see how seriously the States General pressed the affair, and give directions thereon. Dated 13 June 1711.

The translation mentioned. The States would agree that ships should be visited, provided her Majesty submitted to have her ships visited on their rivers, &c.

Minuted :—"Read 14 June 1711. To be sent to her Ma$^{ty's}$ Com^{rs} of Cust. to rep^{t} as soon as possible." 3½ *pages*.

June 14. 18. J. Burchett to William Lowndes, Esq. As to the reimbursing of the taxes to the clerks in his office. Dated 14 June 1711.

Also a list of the taxes paid.

Duplicate of both papers, *Minuted* :—"16 Aug^{t} 1711. To ye Com^{rs} of ye Navy to make out a bill as usual." 4 *pages*.

June 14. 19. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber to the Lord High Treasurer, showing what was due to the servants above stairs, to M^{r} Trebeck, reader of prayers at S^{t} James's, &c. Dated 14 June 1711. 1 *page*.

June 14. 20. Report of the "Hon^{ble}" Spencer Compton on the petition of Margaret Countess Dowager of Marlborough to the Lord High

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Treasurer. The Countess Dowager never had an annual pension payable in his office, but had received several sums by warrants of bounty, a list of which is given. Dated 14 June 1711.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About June 14.] 21. Petition of Peregrine Marquis of Carmarthen to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of a navy bill due to him, a stop having been put thereon in consequence of a supposed debt to Joseph and John Newell, bankers, whose estate was seized and an uncancelled bond of the petitioner's found amongst their papers.

Minuted:—"14 June 1711. To be read on Monday w^n^ peticõns are read."

Again:—"25 June 1711. To be considered to-morrow when y^e^ Treasurer of y^e^ Navy is here." 2½ *pages.*

June 15. 22. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the execution of the Commission appointed under the Act for vesting certain lands, &c. in trustees for the better fortifying the harbours and docks at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. Upon certificate of the Com^rs^ the officers of ordnance were directed to pay the money for houses, lands, &c., but they had only tallies on low wines and continued impositions with which to pay, and they could not tell if the proprietors would accept them.

This entry *Minuted*:—"They must offer them. Dated 15 June 1711."

Minuted on the back:—"Read 19th June 1711, *vide* the Minutes wthin. June 27th, 1711. Letters are writ & sent according to the Minutes." 1 *page.*

June 15. 23. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for various sums necessary for the Navy and victualling. Dated 15 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 15. 24. G. Granville to ————. The four companies of invalids lately ordered to Portsmouth to do duty in that garrison, upon being formed at Chelsea College, had marched to "the Brentfords" and parts adjacent, and were obliged to continue in quarters there for want of money to march further. Asks that the matter might be represented to the Lord High Treasurer, that money might be ordered. Her Majesty had nominated the officers of eight companies more, intended for the Islands of Scilly, Pendennis, Jersey, and Guernsey, whereby the regiment of Lieut.-Gen^l^ Mordaunt would be relieved and might be spared for any other service. When the 15 companies were formed, the total expense beyond the pensions would amount for the officers and for clothing the men to no more than 5,245*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* a year. Dated Whitehall, 15 June 1711.

Minuted:—"To know if there be any fond for these augmentacõns." 3 *pages.*

June 16. 25. Report of the Com^rs^ for duties on hides, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, upon Sir Francis Child's papers, relating to the dividing of the receipt of the land tax (1711) for the county of Wilts. Dated Office for the duties on hides, &c., June 16, 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 20 June 1711. Approved if both partys are contented."

Two other papers showing the totals charged on the hundreds. 4 *pages*.

[? About June 18.] 26. Petition of Richard Mead to the Earl of Oxford, for the allowance of the amount of a bill out of the subsidies granted for the subsistence of the Portugal troops in Spain. The petitioner's son, John Mead had procured provisions to subsist the army when in great extremities in 1706 (at the time the Earl of Galway retired with the army from Madrid and his communication was entirely cut off with Portugal), and had been obliged to take a bill for the same which was protested for nonpayment at the Hague.

Minuted:—"18 June 1711. To my L^{d} Dartm^{o} a copy to speak to y^{e} Portugal minister, or send it to ye court of Portugal as he thinks fitt, to know why it should not be stopt out of ye subsidy."

Copy of a letter of Lord Galway; also two other representations concerning the affairs of the said John Mead, who was Deputy Paymaster of Her Majesty's forces in Spain. 4½ *pages*.

[? About June 18.] 27. Petition of William Attwood, late Chief Justice of New York, to the Earl of Oxford, for payment of 250*l.* arrear of his salary, between his unconfirmed suspension on 9 June 1702 and the determination of his patent in April 1703.

Minuted:—"18 June 1711. See if anything be due to him for y^{e} time before he left ye Governm^{t}." 1 *page*.

June 18. 28. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract of a representation lately made by the African Company, relating to some of their bonds that were assigned over to pay a debt to the Crown. Dated Whitehall, 18 June 1711.

Minuted:—"18 June 1711. My Lord cannot intermeddle in stopping the proceedings at law." 1 *page, quarto*.

[? About June 18.] 29. Petition of Robert Corker, Esq., farmer of the post coinages of tin, to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays an extension of his lease to 31 years.

Minuted:—"18 June 1711. Direct M^{r} Survey^{r} to make a state of this duty & ye value thereof per an. by a medium of 7 years." 1 *page*.

June 18. 30. William Vanbrugh to [? M^{r} Lowndes]. Found no allowance for attendance at Kensington made to the officers in the like rank with the exons of the yeomen of the guard (who were the gentlemen ushers of the privy chamber, and gentlemen ushers' daily waiters), as her Majesty did not require their attendance there; but as it was her Majesty's pleasure that an allowance should be made them, presumed 5*s.* a day was reasonable. Dated 18 June 1711.

Minuted:—"16 Aug^{t} 1711. A warr^{t} accordingly." 1 *page*.

June 18. 31. Report of M^{r} S. Compton to the Lord High Treasurer. It did not appear by any books in his office that M^{rs} Bastin ever had any other pension then 20*l.* per ann.; she had however received

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several sums by bounty. There was only half a year due. Dated Whitehall, 18 June 1711.

Written on the back of her petition, in which she states she had a pension of 40*l*. per ann. 2¼ *pages.*

[? About June 18.] 32. Petition of Robert Keigwin of Mowschole, gent., and Captain William Williams, of Mullion in the county of Cornwall, to the Lord High Treasurer, for reimbursement of costs and charges in connexion with two ships seized at Mounts Bay coming from France.

Minuted:—"18 June 1711. The rep^t^ to be lookt out and M^r^ Dod to be writ to."

Again:—"19 June 1711. The former Minute renewed, and a w^t^ to M^r^ Dod accordingly." 2 *pages.*

June 18. 33. An account of the prime cost of sundry species of provisions provided in February last for transportation of forces from South and North Britain to Holland, with an estimate of the remains thereof, and what is now offered for the same. Dated Transport Office, 18 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 19. 34. Similar account for provisions sent to Flanders in February. Dated 19 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 19. 35. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, for remittances to 23 June 1711, for the services of Spain and Portugal. Dated Pay Office, 19 June 1711. 1½ *pages.*

June 19. 36. Totals of the expenses of her Majesty's household from July to September 1710, submitted to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated S^t^ James's, 19 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 21. 37. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Laying before his L^p^ the instructions they had given to Col. Bennet, their engineer at Gibraltar, for fortifying that place, also the instructions to M^r^ Musgrave their storekeeper and paymaster there, and the establishment of the several officers there. Had no other officers at Portugal than M^r^ Baxter, who was Commissary, and whose instructions his Lordship had. As to Spain and Port Mahon, they laid their instructions before his L^p^, together with the establishments of the train, but had given no instructions about fortifying Port Mahon. Dated 21 June 1711.

Minuted:—"21 June 1711. Read." 1½ *pages.*

June 22. 38. Com^rs^ of Victualling to W^m^ Lowndes, Esq. Send list of bills of exchange drawn on them, amounting to 15,555*l*. 12*s*. 10*d*., for the L^d^ High Treasurer to be moved thereon. Dated Victualling Office, 22 June 1711.

The list named. 2 *pages.*

June 22. 39. The same to the same, sending the heads of instruction which they had given to the persons to be sent to Spain and Portugal, to examine the accounts of the Agent Victuallers. Same date.

The heads mentioned. 3¼ *pages.*

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June 22. 40. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of 71,683*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to carry on the service. Dated 22 June 1711.

Minuted:—"22 June 1711. The Comm^rs are to distinguish w^t part hereof falls within y^e provision made by Parl^t for the publiq. debts." 3 *pages.*

June 22. 41. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends letter received from the Envoy of Portugal, in answer to one he wrote to him concerning the demands of M^r Mead. Dated Whitehall, 22 June 1711.

The enclosure is not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

June 22. 42. The same to the same. Encloses extract of a letter of the 7th inst. from M^r Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Genoa, relating to the want of money for the troops in Catalonia. Same date.

The extract referred to.

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. Read." 2½ *pages.*

June 23. 43. Com^rs of Victualling to M^r Lowndes. M^r Gyde, their agent at Jamaica, had drawn on them several bills at 16 per cent. exchange, when for previous years he had not drawn at less than 18 per cent. This led them to try whether it were possible to make a contract on more advantageous terms, and they had "put up publication" at the Exchange, at Lloyd's, and at the Jamaica Coffee House, and had written to several merchants, but only one tender was made, and that they had closed with at 18 per cent. They were afterwards surprised that their agent at Jamaica had drawn bills on them at 10 per cent. exchange. Had written to learn why they were so low. Dated Victualling Office, 23 June 1711. 2½ *pages.*

June 23. 44. Royal warrant for payment to Robert Haslefoot, surgeon, of 131*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* for taking care of sick and disabled soldiers discharged in Flanders and landed at Harwich, and for their conduct money to London. Also for payment of 9*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* to Philip Deane, mayor of Harwich, for taking care of disabled soldiers. Dated 23 June 1711.

Certificate and an account of moneys paid by the mayor. 4½ *pages.*

June 24. 45. "Duties on hides. Estimate of the gross and net produce of stock in hand in London & country 24 June 1711 & growing duty for 17 first fortnights in London and 5 first rounds in y^e country." 1 *page.*

[About June 24.] 46. Petition of the undertakers of the hospitals for sick and wounded seamen, &c. at the ports of Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rochester, and Deal, to the L^d High Treasurer (Oxford). Were at vast expense for building, fitting up apartments, &c., and were now, at Midsummer 1711, full two years in arrear. Were informed that his Lordship intended to place five of the eight quarters among the debt of the navy on the Fund of the South Sea Trade, which would ruin them; prayed for relief. 1 *page.*

June 25. 47. Memorial from the Great Wardrobe of what is due in that office to Midsummer 1711. Dated 25 June 1711. 1½ *pages.*

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[? About 25 June.] 48. Petition of William Gratwick, of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., and Elizabeth, his wife, executrix of Philip Warwick, Esq., deceased, to the Queen, praying to be appointed a commissioner of stamps, in order that he might be able to pay the debts of the deceased, for which he had become responsible.

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. To be read again when petitions for places are considered, unless it appears that he has given a general release of his pretensions." 1 *page*.

[? About 25 June.] 49. Memorial of Richard Bentley, D.D., keeper of her Majesty's library, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment of the arrears of his salary of 200*l*. per ann. due from Midsummer 1708.

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. Enquire whether there be a perfect catalogue of y^{e} Queen's library, both books & manuscripts, & where all of y^{m} now are." 1 *page*.

[About 25 June.] 50. Petition of Gerhard Sohnius to the Lord High Treasurer. Was deputy paymaster to Jacob van der Esch, Esq., who was paymaster to the Dutch, Danish, and Saxe Gotha forces; represents the state of arrears of his salary at 10*s*. a day to the time of the death of the King, viz., 946*l*., besides sums advanced, and prays for employment.

Minuted:—"Read 25 June 1711." 1 *page*.

[? About 25 June.] 51. Memorial of the Duke of Queensberry to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen had granted to the Earl of Dunbarton her pardon and leave to return to his allegiance and country, and had allowed him 500*l*. for expenses of his journey. On his arrival her Majesty further allowed him 500*l*. for his equipage to serve in the army in Flanders, and 200*l*. more for subsistence during the first campaign. Upon a further application, stating that he had embraced the Protestant religion, and had nothing to depend upon, her Majesty promised him a pension of 500*l*. until provided with a post. He had only received 600*l*., and the Duke, who had made advances to him, prayed for the arrears.

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. To be laid before ye Queen. W^{t} signed for 200^{li}." 2¼ *pages*.

[? About 25 June.] 52. Memorial of Thomas Carr, laceman, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had furnished gold and silver lace and fringe for the service of the late King William, which were in her Majesty's possession and use, for which there was due to him at the King's death 2,318*l*., of which he had received but 200*l*. Prays to have a patent office granted him, as her Majesty's present occasions did not admit of payment of the debt. Also for 200*l*. more out of the 2,000*l*. which had come in of the "arrears of his late Majesty."

Minuted:—"25 June 1711. The Queen has orderd y^{t} when m^{o} for such arrears is come in, ye same be laid before her Ma^{ty} for her distribuc̃on, and as to y^{e} place ye petic̃on is to be considerd wth others for places." 1 *page*.

[? About 25 June.] 53. Petition of James Trengrouse, of the county of Cornwall, gentleman, to the Lord High Treasurer. As the four surveyors of the tin blowing houses in Cornwall were all put in their place by

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the L^{d} Godolphin during pleasure, and at the last election acted in opposition to the Secretary-at-War and John Trevanion, Esq., and as the petitioner had the recommendation of the two latter, who were knights of the shire, and others, he prayed for one of the surveyorships.

Minuted :—"25 June 1711. They are all full." 1 *page*.

June 26. 54. Memorial of John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer. The contract for printing the 12th vol. of the "Fœdera" was finished. If his L^{p} desired another volume to be printed, memorialist asked for an order for the money and for 45*s.* for binding nine additional volumes for so many libraries in England and Scotland. Dated 26 June 1711.

Also a specimen sheet. 5 *pages*.

June 26. 55. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., that they had had under their consideration for some time past several inventions for stamping and marking vellum, parchment, and paper in order to prevent counterfeits, and now report the result. [The persons whose inventions are discussed are, M^{r} Maidwell, M^{r} Lightbody, M^{r} Bull, M^{r} Rollo, M^{r} Charles Bridges, and M^{r} Roos, the Queen's patent engraver.] Dated 26 June 1711.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 24 (29 June 1711) is :—"Com^{rs} for stamp dutys are called in. They are to consult M^{r} Attor. & M^{r} Soll^{r} whether the invention of M^{r} Charles Bridges is practicable with respect to ye present statutes concerning those dutys, and they will further consider the devices of M^{r} Rollo & M^{r} Bull for making the new dyes." 1 *page*.

June 26. 56. "26 June 1711. An apportionment of 2,344,437*l.* 17*s.* 3½*d.* remaining undisposed of the funds granted in the last session of Parliament for the uses under-mentioned." 1 *large page*.

June 26. 57. Funds granted in the last session of Parliament, and payments out of the same till 26 June 1711. 1 *large page*.

June 26. 58. An account of money paid here since Christmas 1710, towards carrying on the war in Catalonia. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 26 June 1711. 2 *pages*.

June 27. 59. G. Granville to the Secretary to the Lord High Treasurer, for the latter to be informed of the loss sustained by Col. Edw^{d} Jones's regim^{t}, in men, clothes, &c., upon putting to sea from Ireland in February preceding. Dated Whitehall, 27 June 1711.

Extract of memorial thereon. 2 *pages, quarto*.

June 27. 60. The same to the same. Her Majesty was willing for the garrison of the Castle of S^{t} Maw to be reduced to its former establishment. Same date.

Also copy of the present and proposed establishment.

There are three Minutes on the back, the last of which is :—"31 Aug^{t} 1711. To M^{r} Granvill, that my Lord has no objection to y^{e} making y^{e} establishm^{t} accordingly." 2 *pages*.

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June 27. 61. Representation to the Lord High Treasurer of Richard Lawrence, appointed her Majesty's Agent and Consul General to the Turkish Government of the city and kingdom of Tunis. Mr Goddard, the last consul, aften ten years' service, for want of a small allowance, was forced to spend all his substance to support the honour and credit of the nation, and fell into the lowest contempt by being put in chains, with other barbarities, which occasioned his present hopeless lunacy. The consul formerly subsisted honourably at Cape Negro, where vast quantities of corn were exported, but the French had prevailed with the Government to force us from thence, and fixed themselves on that traffic. The Dutch allowed their consuls 2,000 crowns a year. 'Twas hoped his Lordship would give the same encouragement to the consul of Tunis as was given to Algiers and Tripoli. If the Turks broke their treaty with her Majesty, the consul was immediately made a slave and put to hard labour, and if her Majesty's ships made reprisals, the consul would probably lose his life, as in the reign of King Charles II. an English consul was cut in pieces at the gate of the King's palace at Algiers, and in succeeding years two French consuls were fired off at the mouth of a great gun. Humbly submitted why he should run these hazards, and serve without an allowance, and spend his own fortune for the good of the country. In regard to a precedent "'tis humbly offered that necessity hath been the original of all precedents."

Minuted:—"Read 27 June 1711. Mr Baker thinks the consul at Tunis should have as much as the consul at Tripoli." 1 *page.*

June 27. 62. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes, referring their difficulties as to contracts to the Lord High Treasurer, the difference between credit and money payment being so great. Dated 27 June 1711.

Also copies of two tenders.

Minuted:—"28 June 1711. To be read again to-morrow morning." 2½ *pages.*

June 28. 63. Presentment to the Lord High Treasurer from the Comrs of the Stamp Duties, concerning the duties on cards and dice, bills of lading, almanacks, &c. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, June 28, 1711. 1 *page.*

June 28. 64. Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer. Conceived that the pensions payable in Mr Compton's office were by law equally liable to be rated with the rest of the household, without which it was impossible to raise the sum charged on the palaces by Act of Parliament without much exceeding 4*s.* in the pound. Dated 28 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 29. 65. Report of the Surveyor General (Manley) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Earl of Rochester, for renewal for 50 years of the lease of a house in the Privy Garden, Whitehall; advising the same. Dated 29 June 1711.

The petition. 4 *pages.*

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June 29. 66. Representation of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded to the Lord High Treasurer, showing their method of proceeding with the estimates for their office, the debt of their office, &c., enclosing an account and papers. It was thought advisable to erect hospitals at the four great ports of Rochester, Deal, Portsmouth, and Plymouth. They comment on various items in their account. In regard to prisoners the French owed us near 3,000 men, and we had in our custody above 3,000 more, notwithstanding which they refused to return 700 or 800 of her Majesty's subjects. It had been found by experience that the French were never to be brought to reason but by making reprisals upon them. Our officers in the outports had 1¾ years of salary due to them. Dated 29 June 1711. 8 *pages.*

June 29. 67. Memorial of the Undertakers for sick and wounded seamen at Gosport and Deal to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of 902*l.* 2*s.* for that service, due nearly two years before. Dated 29 June 1711. 1 *page.*

June 30. 68. Report of William Fazakerley to the Lord High Treasurer as to his receipts from the land tax for 1710, and arrears for 1709; also from duties on houses. He paid into the Exchequer the money that came to his hands once a week, or oftener. Dated Guildhall, London, June 30, 1711.

Enclosed is a list of arrears.

Minuted:—"3 July 1711. Read and y^{e} respit on the Chambłn removed, his com^{n} for this year's tax to be prepared." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 30, 1710–June 30, 1711. 69. Weekly certificates of Archibald Douglas of Cavers, Esq., general receiver of the land tax, Crown rents, &c. in Scotland, and paymaster of fees and salaries there, &c., between 30 Dec. 1710 and 30 June 1711. 25 *pages.*

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July 2. 1. Com^{rs} of Victualling to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., in answer to a letter from M^{r} Cæsar and M^{r} Ward, giving the reasons for the dismissal of M^{r} Overing, late head-brewer at the Hartshorn brewhouse. Dated 2 July 1711.

Minuted:—"A copy to be sent to M^{r} Cæsar & M^{r} Ward." 3 *pages.*

July 3. 2. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for the sums requisite for clearing the off-reckonings of the forces in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal. Dated Pay Office, July 3, 1711. 2 *pages.*

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July 3. 3. Memorial of the same to the same, showing what was wanting to carry up all the services of the war under his care to the 22nd of Dec. 1711, viz., 1,895,890*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* Same date. 2 *pages.*

July 3. 4. Mr Clayton's memorial about the prompt payment for annuities, anno 1708, upon the credit of the Act of Parliament made 6 Anne. Dated Exchequer, 3 July 1711.

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. A warrt for 30li 17. 0. & 100li as formerly." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 5. Petition of Robert Beddoe to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a warrant to grant him an allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, for the place of gate-keeper of the gates leading out of the Privy Garden into Cannon's Row, Westminster, and to the water-side; to which office he had been admitted in 1690, and had only received his allowance to the death of the King.

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. Send to ye housekeeper to provide for him out of her allowance." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 6. Petition of Mary Speke, wife of Hugh Speke, Esq., to the Queen. Had a report from the Treasury [in her favour] for 2,672*l.* 13*s.* 4½*d.*, of which she had not received a penny. Her friends had supported her and her daughter for seven years; prays for relief.

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. The Queen will allow him somthing in Ireland if he will stay there." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 7. Petition of James Vezian, purveyor of oats and beans for his late Majesty's stables at London and Kensington, to the Lord High Treasurer. Was seven years in the place and turned out of it on the King's death, with 1,400*l.* due to him; prays for relief.

At the foot is an autograph certificate of the truth of the petition, by " F. Comtesse Dowage of Nassau d'Auverquerque."

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. To be paid 50li in part of his debt." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 8. Memorial of Col. Alexander Grant to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for payment of 932*l.* to fill up the recruits required in his regiment; 233 having been drafted from his regiment for Major-General Hill's expedition.

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. Ref. to ye Comptrollrs." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 9. Petition of Stephen Gellott to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner's wife's mother was own sister to Sir John Packington, of Westwood, and great aunt to the present Sir John. Petitioner was reduced to great straits, and prayed speedy relief.

Minuted :—" 4 July 1711. No pretence appears for him." 1 *page.*

[? About July 4.] 10. Memorial of John Campbell, uncle to the Duke of Argyle, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for 200*l.* due to him in connexion with the appointment of master of the works in Scotland.

Minuted :—" 4th July 1711. Show the 100li bounty was paid him. He is upon ye establishmt already wth Mr Urquhart for 400li p an." 1 *page, quarto.*

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1711. [? About July 4.] 11. Petition of Joseph Chance and four other of her Majesty's messengers in ordinary, to the Lord High Treasurer. M^{r} Vanbrugh had, out of resentment, complained of their bills of service for 1709, relating to three or four of their most dangerous prisoners, whom they had, by the Secretary of State's direction, kept in the Gate House at the charge of the petitioners. He had also complained of other persons, who had by the Secretary's direction been allowed to be at their own houses, under the petitioners' care, a thing never before disputed: prayed that their bills might be paid.

Minuted:—" 4 July 1711. Q^{r} whether they ever p̃d any thing to y^{e} gailors for ye prisoners kept in gaole." 1 *page*.

July 4. 12. Report of M^{r} Baron J. Scrope to the Lord High Treasurer. The duties mentioned in the representation from the Com^{rs} of the stamp duties were not like to produce much in Scotland, there being no licences granted for selling wine and ale, and very few cards or dice made there. Those duties would not afford a salary such as M^{r} Isaacson would expect. Submits whether M^{r} John Hamilton should not be employed, who had a recommendation from the Parliament of Scotland. Dated 4 July 1711.

The extract of the representation referred to, and another paper respecting M^{r} Hamilton's merits, &c.

Minuted:—" 5 July 1711. A w^{t} for M^{r} Hamilton, wth like salary as M^{r} Watts hath for ye duty on apprentices." 3 *pages*.

July 5. 13. Representation by M^{r} Philip Ryley to the Lord High Treasurer as to rewards to M^{r} William Chainey and M^{r} John Draper, who had succeeded in detecting frauds in the victualling of her Majesty's navy, and who, under Mr. Ryley's direction, had made out all the allegations to the satisfaction of the House [of Commons] as appeared by their resolution. If 250*l.* were directed to be given to each of them, and some intimation of his Lordship's further favour, he thought it might content them. Dated 5 July 1711.

Minuted:—" 20 July 1711. 250^{li} a piece & M^{r} Ryly 500^{li} by a bill on the course of the vict̃." 2 *pages*.

July 6. 14. " M^{r} Brydges his report relating to the demands of the Prussian resident, Mons. Bonet." The demands were for extraordinaries, agio, bread and forage, and recruiting money for the Prussian troops. Dated Pay Office, 6 July 1711.

Mons. Bonet's letter.

" A state of the advantages in agio, bread and forage, which are due from her Britannick Maj^{ty} to the corps of 12,000 Prussians, which are in Brabant; pursuant to the resolution of the States General of the 20th April 1711."

A paper as to subsidies due to the King of Prussia on 23 June 1711, and a letter of M^{r} S^{t} John to the Lord High Treasurer on the same matter. 8 *pages*.

July 7. 15. " Report of the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland [to the Lord High Treasurer] upon the signature to be passed of the lands of Oxnamside [in the county of Roxburgh] in favours of Coll^{o}

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William Ker" [brother to his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh, purchaser thereof from Thomas Young]. Dated Edinburgh, 7 July 1711. 1½ *pages.*

July 7. 16. Similar report from the same "On a signature of resignac͠on of the lands of Prentatoun [in the county of Edinburgh] in favours of Hellen Watson, relict of William Leggat, writer, in Edr, in life rent, and Catharine Mckell, her daughter, in fee, purchaser thereof from James Ramsay, of Prentatoun." Same date. 1 *page.*

July 8. 17. Comrs for Sick and Wounded to John Tayleur, Esq., Treasury, respecting a bill for 31*l.* 10*s.* given by Mr Martyn, a relation of the Lord High Treasurer, a prisoner in France: which bill had been protested. Dated 8 July 1710. 1 *page.*

July 10. 18. Various accounts of Mr Benjamin Sweet (debtor and creditor) with the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., in connexion with army affairs between 23 Oct. 1710 and 22 June 1711.

The last was delivered into the Treasury on 10 July 1711. 83 *pages.*

July 10. 19. Mr Carkesse to the secretary of the Lord High Treasurer, desiring his Lp's directions concerning the prosecution of the "persons concerned in the frauds carried on by Daniel Richardson, late one of the clerks in the Controller General's office." Dated 10 July 1711. 1 *page.*

July 10. 20. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the signature prepared to be passed of the lands and barony of Gorgie and Gorgie Miln, in the county of Midlothian, "in favours of George Lind, mert, in Edinburgh." Dated "Edinr," 10 July 1711. 1 *page.*

July 10. 21. H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Mr Scott, the Queen's envoy to King Augustus, had received her Majesty's repeated orders to hasten his journey to that prince's Court, where his presence was indispensably necessary for the service in this nice conjuncture of the affairs of the North. Asks for the usual advance, so that he might set out immediately to Saxony. Dated Windsor, 10 July 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 11. 22. Report of Mr G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Rt Hon. the Earl of Kincardine, praying the restoration of his son, Mr Thomas Bruce, to the Commissaryship of the Musters in Scotland. Mr Willm Bennet, who succeeded Mr Bruce, was removed from the office 23 Aug. 1708, and was succeeded by others. 20*s.* a day was the allowance, which was a moderate encouragement. Dated Whitehall, July 11, 1711.

The memorial.

Minuted:—"11 July 1711. See the reasons for wch Mr Bruce was removed & whether Rutherford has the office in his own right." 3 *pages.*

July 11. 23. The same to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract of a letter received from Mr Cardonnel, concerning

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the French officers designed for the command of the battalion to be formed in Flanders, for his Lordship's approval and for an advance of money, as the officers were very much wanted. Same date.

The extract mentioned. 2 *pages, quarto.*

July 11. 24. Report of the Attorney General (Sir Edw. Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer, on an extract from the memorial of the board of Ordnance as to proper notice to be given of the meeting of the Comrs for purchasing the lands for securing and fortifying the harbours and docks at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. Dated 11 July 1711.

The extract referred to.

Minuted :—"3 Augt 1711. My Lord to be minded on Wednes. next to appt a day for the attorney & the off. of the ordnce to be here about this." 2½ *pages.*

July 11. 25. Mr T. Baker to ————. Had transmitted a copy of Sir John Jennings' reflections on the Consul of Algier, and his Lordship might rely upon an expeditious defence. As to his (the Consul's) engrossing the corn of the country, it was a commendable and dexterous disappointment of the French, whose design was to have contracted for all the corn exportable out of those dominions, whereby to cut off that important relief for her Majesty's garrisons of Port Mahon and Gibraltar, as also for her forces in Catalonia. If the Turks had become so very compassionate of the necessities of Christians for corn, it was a convincing instance of their late improvement in offices of humanity, with which he remained wholly unacquainted during his residence amongst them. When it should be thought fit to recall the Consul (after 17 years' unparalleled services performed in the most perplexing and hazardous station in the world), he would be entirely resigned to the Royal command. Implored his Lp to direct the payment of two warrants for salary and extraordinaries. Dated 12 July 1711. 2½ *pages.*

July 12. 26. Articles between John Anstis and others for printing the xiiith volume of the *Fœdera.* Dated 12 July 1711. (Signatures partly torn away.)

Also specimen leaf. 3 *pages.*

July 12. 27. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. The Lords of the Committee of Council and general officers recommend it to the Lord High Treasurer, that in case any man die, desert, or be discharged, he shall be allowed to remain upon the rolls for the two following musters, to enable recruits to be raised. Dated Whitehall, 12 July 1711. 1½ *pages.*

July 12. 28. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Concerning irregularities practised at Newfoundland in the carrying on of trade by the commanding officer, although it was forbidden. Also as to other irregularities. Dated 12 July 1711.

The extract referred to. 3½ *pages.*

July 13. 29. Lord Ranelagh to "My Dear Master Lownds." He says :—"My necessities are soe great and pressing that I must desyre you as my old and true friend, to move my Lord Treasurer, even this morning to order mee a supply for myself and clerks. I wayted upon his Lordsp this very morning, and hee was pleased to give mee what I thought was some assurance of his goodnesse to mee. But you know that fayre words will neither pay clerkes, nor goe to markett, and that whilst the grasse is growing the horse may starve. This is really and truly my case, for I have neither place nor pension, with seaventy yeares and a great many debts upon my back, and nothing to trust too but a small Irish estate, ill payd. Pray therefore, my dear Lownds bee a speedy and earnest sollicitor for

"Your poor old and true servant,

"Ranelagh.

"[P.S.]—It is now full two yeares within few dayes since I had any supply, for it was on the 7th of August 1709, that the late Lord Treasurer ordered me 750*li.*, wch was farr short of what I then wanted, and therefore to speake plainly to you, less than a 1,000*li.* will not make mee tolerably easy." Dated 13 July 1711.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 55, 23 Aug., is:—"To Audrs of Imprest to attend on Tuesda and md then to speak to them about the allowance desired by the Earl of Ranelagh for the clerks to make up his final accot." 1 *page, octavo.*

July 14. 30. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Simon Harcourt, Esq., her Majesty's Clerk of the Crown in the Court of Queen's Bench. The Comrs of the Stamp Duty had preferred an information against him for signing judgments on rolls not stamped. The petitioner had since paid the duty. Advises a *nolle prosequi.* Dated July 14, 1711.

Minuted:—"A warrt to be prepared accordingly."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

July 17. 31. Report by the Comrs for transporting her Majesty's forces, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the information of Alexander Smyth, ship-carpenter, against Thomas Masters, commander of the "Vere" frigate, lately employed in the transport service, charging him with various malversations, amongst which was throwing water on the corn to increase the bulk. Dated 17 July 1711.

The information referred to, and nine other papers.

Minuted:—"29 Augt 1711. To Mr Attorney to peruse & give his opinion whether he sees any cause for prosecuc̃on." 17 *pages or parts of pages.*

July 18. 32. Representation of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, of the totals of expense of all the works, year by year, from 1702 to 1710, besides which there were then some considerable works in hand at Hampton Court, Kensington, and St James's by her Majesty's particular direction. Dated 18 July 1711.

Also a previous representation of 6 June 1711.

Minuted:—"29 Augt 1711. Officers of Works to attend on Thursday sennight, and to let my Lord know whether the instructions for regulating the expence of the works be strictly complyed with."

Again:—"Thursday, 6 7^{br} 1711. To bring this debt to Midsm^{r}, & that, with the course of their tallys, to be layd [before] my Lord together. Let the debt be stated in one acc^{t} for . . . . . . to Mids^{r} 1711, each qu^{r} distinct. Let it be taken out of the Excheq^{r} w^{t} sum chargeable before each parcell of their . . . . come in course, mencõning the date of each parcell and bring these to M^{r} Tilson." 2 *pages*.

July 19. 33. Memorial of the Surveyor General (Manley) to the Lord High Treasurer. Since his memorial of the 5th inst. had endeavoured to come at a better knowledge of the manor of Westminster and bailiwick of S^{t} James's, but found it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to be certain of the boundaries without an order for taking an actual survey, by virtue whereof he should procure a sight of the court rolls, books, and papers which lay in the hands of the lessees or farmers. Dated 19 July 1711.

Minuted:—"26th July 1711. The surv^{r} to frame a body of instructions for Comm^{rs}, and then my Lord will consider ab^{t} issuing a com^{n} under the Excheq^{r} seal." 1 *page*.

July 20. 34. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs (Dublin) to the Lord High Treasurer "on the petition and cases" of Sir William Fownes, Kn^{t}, and William Palmer, gent., in relation to a debt due from them to the Queen as security for M^{r} Philip Vincent, late collector at Dundalk. Enclose a paper containing their observations on each article. Dated 20 July 1711. 11 *pages*.

March 11 to July 23. 35. "Monthly returns of Lord Slane's regiments from the eleventh of March to the twenty-third of July" 1711. 1 *page*.

July 24. 36. A case drawn up by Sir Isaac Newton for an opinion as to the payment by the Master and Worker of the Mint to the importers of plate, whose receipts were dated since 14 May 1711, after the rate of 5*s.* per ounce, with the opinion of the Attorney General thereon that her Majesty might by privy seal direct the money to be applied towards the discharge of the notes as proposed. Dated 24 July 1711.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 41, 27 July, is:—"Officers of the Mint called in. Sir Isaac Newton delivers an opinion of M^{r} Attorney Gen^{ll} in relacõn to the plate brought into the Mint since 14th May last, w^{ch} is considered & the minutes taken thereupon."

Again, on p. 46:—"The Lord High Treasurer agreed to repay any amounts paid by the officers of the Mint to the importers out of the Civil List moneys." 1¾ *pages*.

July 24. 37. Copies of Treasury minutes, letters, &c. sent to M^{r} Mead, deputy paymaster in Spain, chiefly signed J. B. [? James Brydges], relating to the conduct of affairs in Spain and Portugal. The last is dated 24 July 1711. 8 *pages*.

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July 25. 38. An affidavit of William Bowyer as to the printing of the 12th vol. of Rymer's Fœdera. Sworn 25 July 1711. 1 *page.*

[? About July 25.] 39. Memorial of Mrs Shrimpton to the Lord High Treasurer praying for payment of 365*l.* due to her husband as Major-General, Governor of Gibraltar, &c., together with any other sums that might be due to him.

Minuted :—"25 July 1711. No fond for it, but to be laid before the Queene with Mr Brydges' list of wts of the like nature." 1 *page.*

July 25. 40. Comrs of Victualling to Wm Lowndes, Esq., drawing attention to the necessity for contracts being entered into forthwith for various articles of consumption. Dated 25 July 1711.

Minuted :—"27 July 1711. To be as sparing in their contracts as may be. The victuallrs say the acct of their debt to La. day will be abt 6 weeks before finished." 2 *pages.*

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVII., p. 41 :—"His Lordp orders that for what there is an absolute necessity they should contract at the lowest rates they possibly can, and for no more, till credit is better, wch his Lordp hopes will be in a little time."

July 25. 41. Mr Secretary St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had given him orders to satisfy the persons who attended on the Sieur de Guiscard during his confinement in Newgate. Encloses a particular of their several demands, for directions to be given thereon. Dated 25 July 1711.

Enclosed is a paper docquetted :—"Demands of the keeper of Newgate and of the chyrurgeons, doctor, & coroner for looking after Mons. de Guiscard."

The body after death seems to have been pickled, for one of the items is, "To repair the damages done to the floors & ceilings of 2 rooms by the salt water that ran out of his cofin 5. 0. 0."

In the *Money Book,* Vol. XXI., p. 422, is a warrant for the payment of 152*l.* 18*s.* 5½*d.* in satisfaction of these services. 2 *pages and 2 halves.*

[About July 25.] 42. Memorial of Alexander Carleton to the Lord High Treasurer. Had petitioned for a debt of upwards of 2,000*l.* due to his wife's father, William Bache, several years master-smith to the Crown. Conceived that all debts due upon the Civil List of King William were just debts, and that the persons whose goods were actually in her Majesty's use and possession had a preference for payment, which persons were nine or ten in number, and all in her Majesty's service, except the petitioner and Mr Bealing, who had an estate of above 1,000*l.* per ann., and was her Majesty's upholsterer several years after her accession. Her Majesty had the sole benefit of the goods for which his debt of 2,000*l.* was due, 1,100*l.* and odd being upon the Civil List of King William, the rest on the Civil List from 1680 to 1688 ; prayed payment.

Minuted :—"25 July 1711. . . . . Much has been paid him in part . . . . " [the rest torn away]. 1 *page.*

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[About July 25.] 43. Petition of Charles Earl of Arran to the Queen. Had served in all the campaigns in Flanders until the peace of Ryswick, and afterwards purchased the command of a troop of guards, for which he was still in debt, and there was an arrear of 1,250*l.* due to him as gentleman of the late King's bedchamber; prayed for the arrear.

Minuted:—"25 July 1711. When there is any money of those arrears, this to be laid before ye Queen." 1 *page.*

[? About July 25.] 44. Petition of Richard Goodrick, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford) for a 50 years' lease of an old tenement at Richmond.

Minuted:—"25 July 1711. My Lord will confirm the former wt in case the petr thinks fit to accept ye lease upon those termes." 1 *page.*

July 26. 45. Memorial of the Comrs of Sick and Wounded to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his Lp divers letters and papers received from Sir John Jennings, who commanded the fleet at Port Mahon. As the convent used as an hospital was very inconvenient, he had caused contracts to be made for building another hospital on the Great Island, of which he sent the plan and estimate, amounting to about 3,000*l.* The Comrs ask directions as to accepting bills drawn on them in connexion therewith. Dated 26 July 1711.

Five enclosures, one of which is a copy of the memorial with an additional signature.

Minuted:—"26 June 1711. Send these to ye Lords of the Admiralty." 8 *pages.*

July 26. 46. The Governors of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer. Had directed a list to be prepared of out-pensioners, &c. with the greatest despatch, and a copy of the establishment to be transcribed. Dated 26 July 1711. 1 *page.*

July 27. 47. H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits a letter received from the mayor of Plymouth, for directions to be given thereon. Dated Whitehall, 27 July 1711.

The letter asks for a speedy supply to be given to Mr Wm Slaughter, marshal for prisoners at war, of whom there were twelve hundred, and for whom 10,000*l.* were due. The town could give no further credit. 2 *pages.*

July 27. 48. Memorial of Michael Studholm to the Lord High Treasurer. There was an allowance of 270*l.* *per ann.* out of the Cofferer's Office for keeping Fulham Road in the reigns of King Charles, King James, and King William, but he could not find that the farmer's carts could be kept off, their habitations being all along in most parts of the road. Their produce had always been carried in heavy carts, through some parts, at least, of the road to London market. As for the brewer's drays and brick carts, which had always done the greatest damage, there was no preventing it, unless her Majesty bought the several houses that joined to each gate, or made an allowance annually to the persons that lived in them. Perhaps for 5*l.* a-piece the gatekeepers would be encouraged to keep out those heavy drays, &c. Dated 27 July 1711.

Minuted:—"27 July 1711. To be read on Tuesday next." 1 *page.*

July 28. 49. J. Burchett to Thomas Harley, Esq., secretary to the Lord Treasurer. Sends extract of so much of the instructions to Sir John Jennings as relate to the hospital at Port Mahon. Their L^{ps} could not imagine that he would have ordered the new work to be proceeded with without particular orders: also sends other papers. Dated Admiralty Office, 28 July 1711.

The extract above named, an order for the construction by Sir John Jennings, a computation of the expense, copy of contract, and two other extracts. 15 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

July 30. 50. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Thomas Robinson, smith, desiring to succeed Josiah Kaye as her Majesty's blacksmith, in the office of works; recommending him for the place. One of the reasons for recommending him was that he was very capable of giving credit as the course of the office might require. Dated 30 July 1711.

Minuted:—"1 Aug^{t} 1711. A w^{t} to be prepared." 2 *pages.*

July 30. 51. Order in Council referring the petition of Margaret Collingwood, widow of Major Robert Collingwood, for payment of 175*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* due to her husband, nephew, and son, who all lost their lives in the service of the Crown. Dated 30 July 1711.

Minuted:—"3 X^{br} 1711. There is no mony out of w^{ch} demands of this nature can be paid."

The petition and copy of a report of Earl Ranelagh on the case. 3½ *pages.*

July 30. 52. Similar Order in Council referring to the Lord High Treasurer the petition of Anthony Webster, merchant, and other owners of a privateer, for the reward of 1,000*l.* proposed in the Admiralty Court for intelligence of a French fleet taken by Admiral Dilks. Same date.

Copy of the petition. 5 *pages.*

July 31. 53. "Treasurer of the Chambers' memorial for the remainder of Michaelmas quarter's wages 1710, and for what remains due on bills to that time. Ult^{o} July 1711." 2 *pages.*

July 31. 54. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on an extract of a letter from M^{r} Pultney, her Majesty's envoy in Denmark, concerning certificates of British ships passing the Sound, and also on a copy of a report of the Lords of Trade thereon. Had already given directions thereon, and were of opinion the directions should extend to North Britain. Dated 31 July 1711.

The extract and report, and a letter. 6 *pages,* 2 *halves.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Comrs of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer. Laying before his Lp enclosed accounts of incidental charges of that office; also what was due for salaries. Dated Whitehall, 1 Aug. 1711.

Two accounts. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 1. 2. C. Cæsar to ———. Enclosed petition of John Cole, late master cooper of her Majesty's victualling office at Tower Hill, for reinstatement in his office. Cole was sent for by "the Committee," at the desire of Sir John Parsons, to ask him whether, when he was master cooper, the beer for the first spending used not to be put into wood-bound casks, and if it were not now put into iron-bound casks, much to the detriment of the public. Dated 1 Aug. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 3. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Sends the establishment for the battalion to be formed out of French deserters in Flanders, to be laid before his Lordship, and for his Lp to be reminded of the advance of pay thereon. Dated 2 Aug. 1711.

The establishment. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 2. 4. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mrs Stanford and other legatees of Mr Charles Hutchinson, praying payment of a debenture of 1,486*l.* for stores furnished to H.M. ships at Jamaica out of money in the Treasurer of the Ordnance's hands, and complaining of hardships suffered. No hardship had been done to the petitioner. The debenture was ordered to be paid in the same manner as all others of that date. Dated 2 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Aug. 1711. My Lord cannot direct a preference." 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 5. "An account how the Crown has granted the wine licence revenue."

"R. Aug. 2, 1711. p Mr WD." 1 *page.*

Aug. 3. 6. Report of the Comrs for Duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Benjamin Matthews. Were of opinion that the securities proposed by him for the receipt of the land tax in the co. of Oxford, &c. were sufficient, &c. Dated 3 Aug. 1711.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 7. "General abbreviat of the several demands (in money and debentures) upon the Equivalent. The payments made by the Commissioners' debentures issued out by them [&] the sums remaining unpayd of the demands to the 3d August 1711." 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 8. G. Granville to the Secretary of the Treasury. Sending copies of two letters which he had received, one from the Governors of Chelsea Hospital, concerning the want of subsistence for the invalided out-pensioners, and the other from Sir John Gibson, Lt.-

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Governor of Portsmouth, concerning the weakness of that garrison, which could not then be strengthened but by the four companies of Invalids, who remained at Brentford for want of money to discharge their quarters and pursue their march. Dated 4 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 9. Col. J. Dudley to "their Lordships," for punctual payment to be made of the bills he had drawn for necessaries provided for the expedition against Canada. The Honourable General Hill, commander-in-chief of the forces, and Lieut.-Gen^{l} Nicholson had made considerable demands for stores in connexion with the building of barracks at Pembertons Island and Nodes Island, and for other necessaries for the forces whilst encamped there. Dated Boston, 4 August 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 10. A state of the several regiments in Great Britain, according to their last muster rolls. It also shows where they were quartered. 1 *page.*

Aug. 7. 11. Report of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Elizabeth Rippon. Presumed that the papers were referred to them, because they related to prisoners in France, but as these prisoners were ransomers, they were not within the care of the Com^{rs}, who never had any instructions as to ransomers. They had always referred such persons to the Secretaries of State. Dated 7 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 8. 12. The Duke of Shrewsbury to the L^{d} High Treasurer for a warrant to be prepared for 2*s.* 6*d.* a day to the chamber keeper for travelling charges on progresses and removes. Dated 8 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 8. 13. J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the L^{d} High Treasurer. Sending by order of the L^{ds} of the Admiralty, a letter from M^{r} Slaughter, who was employed by the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded at Plymouth. Unless some money could be speedily furnished to him their L^{ps} were apprehensive that the agents at the other ports would meet with as great difficulties in maintaining the prisoners as M^{r} Slaughter did. Dated Admiralty Office, 8 Aug. 1711.

The letter referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 9. 14. Report of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposal of Joseph Watts, gent. The stationers had refused to undertake the supply of all parts of England with their paper and parchment, stamped at the head office, for less than 3*s.* in the pound. The Com^{rs} thereupon employed their own officers, at an allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* per pound. The number of the distributors was 46, and the number of towns between eight and nine hundred. The proposal would add about 800 new officers in the country, and would for other reasons be objectionable. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Aug. 9, 1711.

Minuted:—"29 Aug^{t} 1711. My Lord approves this & rejects the proposicõn as injurious to the revenue."

The memorial. 4 *pages.*

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Aug. 9. 15. Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, transmitting an account of what the several branches of excise produced in the several years ended at Midsummer 1709, 1710, and 1711. Dated Aug. 9, 1711.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 9. 16. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer, sending copy of a letter of 7 Aug. 1711, received from the Com^{rs} of Sick and Wounded, complaining of their want of money to support the prisoners of war. Dated Windsor Castle, Aug. 9, 1711.

The copy referred to.

Minuted:—"10 Aug^{t} 1711. To Comm^{rs} of Sick & Wounded to be here on Wednesday next with a state of their office, and to informe my Lord, and why the prisoners are detained here." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 9. 17. Com^{rs} of Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Harley, sending copy of a letter from the marshal for prisoners of war at Plymouth, and asking for a supply to prevent the ill consequences which otherwise must inevitably ensue. Dated 9 Aug. 1711.

The copy referred to.

The marshal could borrow no more money even at 20 per cent., and begged immediate directions at to what must be done. Governor Hooke sent word when there was no subsistence for the prisoners, he would take off the guard and let the prisoners out to shift for themselves, for that he could not keep a guard on men to starve them. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 13. 18. Report of Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the complaint of some of the Com^{rs} for the Land Tax in the county of Kent, and were informed that the houses [at Sheerness] mentioned had been built at the charge of the Crown, and were only for sutlers or servants to the commanding officer of the garrison. Had been informed that it was not usual for military officers to suffer warrants of civil magistrates to be executed within the garrison, which might render their garrison liable to a surprise; that these garrisons belonging to the Crown, being erected for the security of the island, had not usually been taxed; and that this garrison being established by King Charles II. on derelict lands, chiefly founded on shingle, and having a chaplain allowed by the Crown, they conceived there was ground to believe the same to be extra-parochial. They referred to a similar case of a sutler's house at Whitehall. There was no assessment on this garrison in 1693, and in other cases counsel had held that the Queen's lands or houses were not chargeable to any aid given to the Crown. Dated 13 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 31th May 1712. Enquire if the dispute ab^{ot} these assessm^{ts} doth still continue." 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 14. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on a proposal of R. Pilkington in relation to the sale of ale and beer

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by retail in short measure, which he said arose from the neglect of the Com^rs^. The proposer had not been rightly informed in the matter. Dated 14 Aug. 1711.

[One of his proposals was that ale and beer should all be sold in pewter pots.]

Minuted:—"There is no ground as my Lord sees to take other measures than have been taken." 2½ *large pages.*

Aug. 14. 20. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits an extract of a letter from the Lord Advocate of Scotland relating to the robbery lately committed in the public warehouses, and to a request to his L^p^ to order some volumes of the "treaty published by M^r^ Rymer" to be delivered to him and his brother Sir James Dalrymple. Dated Whitehall, 14 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"16 Aug^t^ 1711. Put this into ye hands of M^r^ Baron Scrope, but as to Rymer's Fœdera M^r^ Jet is to lay before my Lord an acc^t^ how they have been disposed.

"16 Aug. 1711. Write to the advocate to know what proposals are made." 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 15. 21. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer on the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, made on the petition of Thomas Courteis and John Lindsay, touching two small ships seized by the collector of Padstow; advising a *nolle prosequi.* Dated 15 Aug. 1711.

The report and petition, and four affidavits.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 9 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 22. Lord Dartmouth to the L^d^ High Treasurer. Sends a letter from the Provost of Edinburgh, representing the difficulty of obliging the merchants to an effectual observance of the quarantine for the Plague, together with a letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty on the same subject. Dated Whitehall, 15 Aug. 1711.

The letters named. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 15. 23. Col. Joseph Bennet to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Little money had been laid out on Gibraltar in fortifying the place, considering the works which had been done, of which he had sent home a particular account, together with the geometrical plan and perspective of the island and town. When besieged the enemy laboured much to retake it, and we did the same to defend it. Since then we had not made the most of the situation, for the enemies' ships frequently took our merchant ships trading into the Levant. Some light frigates would secure the trade. No ship could come in or go out, but could be seen from this mountain. The place was very strong, and with a moderate garrison and a sufficiency of stores he believed it might be maintained against any enemy. They were seated at the foot of a bare mountain, with no fuel to dress the soldiers victuals, but what was brought from England. The frequent want of coals had ruined two-thirds of the town, the soldiers destroying even their own quarters for wood to dress their meat. It would require 470 chaldrons of coals a year, for the garrison of 2,000 men, and they sometimes paid 7*l.* a chaldron. Had fed at his own expense for six months the horses and oxen (about 40), which were ready for a sally or for other purposes. Had no fund to repay himself. Would shortly finish the fortifications, and hoped to deserve her Majesty's favour. Dated Gibraltar, 15 Aug. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 24. Representation by the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to the Lord High Treasurer as to the debt of their office, the number of prisoners, and why detained. Unless his Lordship enabled them to pay the bills drawn on them as they became due the service must be at a stand, and their officers must expect nothing but imprisonment and ruin, and the seamen would be exposed to perish in the streets. Several bills in connection with the hospital ordered by Sir John Jennings at Port Mahon to be built had been drawn on them, which they had not accepted. Had received orders of the Lords of the Admiralty not to send over any more prisoners till the French had cleared the debt they owed us, which was near 3,000 men, and also paid the freight due for transport of their prisoners, which they had neglected for nearly three years. Since that time they had paid part of the freight and cleared the account of prisoners to 855 men. Should now expedite the sending the transports away as soon as possible. Dated 15 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 15 Aug. 1711."

A copy of the same, with one or two variations, and a list of the number of prisoners at different ports. 7½ *pages.*

Aug. 15. 25. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a "state of the Dragoons" in her Majesty's pay in Portugal, sent him by the Earl of Portmore. The bread and forage were so excessively dear that it exceeded the pay of each dragoon by the day 7¼*d.* Dated 15 Aug. 1711. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 26. The same to the same. Sends copy of a letter from M^{r} Granville relating to the regiments of Brigadier Stanwix and Col. Feilding, lately reduced, and to their being placed on the establishment of Ireland. Dated 15 Aug. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 27. "Heads of Instructions proposed for the inspecting that branch of the service w^{ch} relates to the Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., in the Mediterranean." Dated 15 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"15 Aug^{t} 1711. To be put to the rest of the Instructions, but my Lord observes these are more proper for their agents than for the inspectors." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 28. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the L^{d} High Treasurer, touching a complaint made by the Lieut.-Governor of Virginia against M^{r} Corbin, the naval officer at Rappahanock River. M^{r} Corbin was detected in "razing" and altering the dates of her Majesty's letter to the governors of her plantations in America respecting a vessel sailing without convoy. Dated 16 Aug. 1711.

Five other papers connected therewith. 9 *pages.*

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Aug. 16. 29. Report of the Auditors of Imprest to the Lord High Treasurer on Mr Brydges' memorial relating to the pay of six regiments of dragoons in Portugal. Dated 16 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"17 Augt 1711. To be sent to Mr Brydges. Copy sent." 1 *page.*

Aug. 16. 30. Memorial of the same Auditors to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be empowered to require accountants to provide presses and boxes for the safe keeping of their vouchers. Dated Aug. 16, 1711.

Minuted:—"My Lord says the Queen is inclined to grant the Audrs a convenient place for their offices & keeping their vouchers & records." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 16.] 31. Petition of Daniel Richardson to the Lord High Treasurer. Had been close prisoner since 12 Sept. last, and prayed to be allowed to transport himself to the West Indies, where he had an offer of employment.

Minuted:—"Send this to Mr Attor. Desire him to speak to my Ld about it next time he comes."

"16 Aug. 1711.

"My Lord (upon discourse with Mr Attorney) finds no objection agt the enlargement of Richardson, his brother satisfying Mr Attorney that he will go abroad & not return without ye Queen's leave." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 16.] 32. Memorial of John Johnson, Remembrancer of the city of London, to the Lord High Treasurer. No orders had been issued for two years' impost duty payable to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, &c. of London, in lieu of an ancient right of importing several tuns of wine custom free. Prays for orders to be issued.

Minuted:—"16 Augt 1711. A warrt." 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 33. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses an extract of a letter from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland and resolutions of the Commons of that kingdom, in relation to one Dominick Langton, who enjoyed a pension of 30*l.* a year by her Majesty's bounty. Dated 17 Aug. 1711.

The House of Commons desired that her Majesty would strike the said Dominick off the establishment. He had been a friar and pretended to be a Protestant, but obstructed the conversion of several Papists to the Protestant religion, "and had been guilty of many other scandalous practices."

The extract and the resolutions. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 34. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on a letter of the Earl of Portmore, Commander-in-Chief of her Majesty's forces in Portugal, wherein it was desired that his Lp should order more men to be inserted on the muster rolls than were effective. Was of opinion that the method proposed was contrary to the Act 7 Anne, entitled "An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion & false musters," &c. Dated 17 Aug. 1711.

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The letter mentioned, addressed to David Crauford, Esq., Deputy Commissary General of Musters.

Minuted:—"22 Aug^{t} 1711. Copy sent to M^{r} Crawford and M^{r} Brydges." 3½ *pages.*

Aug. 17. 35. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses extracts from divers letters from M^{r} Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Genoa, relating to bills of exchange and other affairs. Dated 17 Aug. 1711. 10¾ *pages.*

Aug. 19. 36. Order in Council on the report of M^{r} Granville, Secretary-at-War, in relation to Lieut. Walker, who had lost his right arm and was taken at sea by the French and stripped of all he had: referring his case to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, and recommending that he should have the first commission that offered. Dated 19 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"23 Aug^{t} 1711. My Lord will speak with Lord President upon the subject matter of this order of Councill. A copy of this order, & recommend him to the L^{d} Lieuten^{t} of Ireland." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 37. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses copies of a memorial and letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, concerning the conditions to be imposed upon ships trading to the Sound, together with the answer that he had sent upon that subject by the Queen's commands: for directions to be given thereon, in consequence of the plague in the north. Dated Windsor Castle, 20 Aug. 1711.

The copies referred to. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 38. Representation by the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer of the several parcels of tin under mortgage, the persons to whom, the places where, for what terms, and upon what conditions, with the charge of keeping the tin. For every 10,000*l.* 160 tons of tin were mortgaged. Dated Mint Office, 20 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 21. 39. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the value of the Spanish piece of money of two "ryalls" sent to the Mint to be weighed, assayed, and valued. Dated Mint Office, 21 Aug. 1711.

In the *Minute Bk.*, Vol. XVII., p. 76, is:—"My Lord orders that some scheme or method be framed for compareing or adjusting the value of the said money, as may be usefull to the Comm^{rs} going to Spain. Write to S^{r} Isaac Newton to that purpose." 1 *page.*

Aug. 21. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} of Transports to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposal of M^{r} Medlycott, commissary of provisions in Portugal, for paying the King of Portugal's subsidies in corn, to be sent from Great Britain: advising that it would not be of great advantage to the Government. Dated 21 Aug. 1711.

The proposal mentioned. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 21. 41. The Earl of Ranelagh to his "dear friend Lownds." Want of health and want of money kept him there, so that he could

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not wait on the Lord Treasurer in York Buildings, nor on Mr Lowndes, but desired him (Mr Lowndes) to get the 1,000*l.* settled and ordered. His doctors agreed to send him to the "Bathe" for his recovery, but he could neither go thither nor anywhere else without this supply. If there was any scruple, it might be imprested to Mr Compton (as he was told other sums were) to be paid to him. Dated Cranborne, Aug. 21, 1711. 1 *small page.*

Aug. 21. 42. Report or estimate by the Comrs for Transport of the amount of the transport debt between 25 March 1711 and 25 Dec. following. The sum amounted to 223,570*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Dated 21 Aug. 1711.

Enclosed is a list of 87 ships running in her Majesty's service. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 43. Samuel Clarke to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Setting forth the hardship of the Lisbon bills of exchange being ordered to be paid without interest.

Minuted:—"21 Augt 1711. To accept payment as it has been ordered." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 21. 44. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the army upon the memorial of Lieut.-General Steuart, craving three days' pay of the regiment in 1709. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 21 Aug. 1711.

Minuted:—"17th April 1711. Agreed to, & a wt to be prepared accordingly."

The memorial and two certificates. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 45. Memorial of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded, &c. for money to carry on the service. Dated 22 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 22. 46. Report of E. Harley (Auditor) to the Lord High Treasurer respecting the accounts of the agent for sick and wounded, who, by direction of Sir John Jennings, commander of the fleet in the Mediterranean, had contracted for the building of a new hospital upon a place called the Great Island, without any directions from the Comrs. They could not propose any method for passing the agent's accounts for this building; nor could they see how the Comrs could accept, or the treasurer pay the bills. Dated 22 Aug. 1711. 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 22. 47. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Bishop of Meath, praying for the grant to him of all the revenue of the bishopric after the decease of his predecessor: it was of small value, and the like favour had been granted to other bishops, and would be well bestowed. Dated 22 Aug. 1711.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 48. Certificates of money arising by the sale of tin and of payments thereon from 23 Mar. 1711 to 22 Aug. 1711. Numbered 10 to 25. (No 22 missing.)

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Aug. 22. 49. An account of the debt in the Office of Works at Windsor Castle for the months of January, February, and March 1711. Dated 22 Aug. 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 22. 50. H. S^{t} John to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits the petition of the inhabitants of Colebrook, in the co. of Bucks, praying for the royal bounty to assist them to repave their town, the pavement having become ruinous. Dated Whitehall, 22 Aug. 1711.
Minuted:—"23 Aug^{t} 1711. Read." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 51. Report of the Com^{rs} for duties on hides to the Lord High Treasurer upon a petition of the Receivers General of the duties on marriages, births, and burials for the county of Surrey, who prayed that they might receive 50*l.* due as salary to John Lucas, who had collected 90*l.* without authority and absconded. They had no objection to the grant of a warrant for the payment of the same. Dated 23 Aug. 1711.
The petition referred to.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 52. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Treasury. As to an allowance for firing for the barracks at Plymouth and S^{t} Nicholas Island. Dated 23 Aug. 1711.
Also a memorial thereon.
Minuted:—"31 Aug^{t} 1711. To y^{e} Sec̃ry of Warr to insert what is nec̃ry on the estimates to be layd before the House for the future." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 53. "A state of the ordnance at Pendennis & S^{t} Mawes." 23 August 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 23. 54. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer concerning the repair of Hyde Park Road, enclosing a plan of the road, showing how far the repair had proceeded. Dated Aug. 23, 1711. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 55. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer touching bonds to be given by merchants that their ships trading to the north should not go to, or correspond with, any persons or places infected with the Plague. Enclosing a form of such bonds, but there was no law to oblige them to give the bonds. Dated Aug. 23, 1711. 1 *page.*

Aug. 24. 56. Report of the Com^{rs} for the duties on hides to the Lord High Treasurer, on a letter, from M^{r} Chute, a security for M^{r} Austin, late Receiver General for Hampshire, who owed large sums, and was in custody by a *capias.* Would receive M^{r} Chute's bail for M^{r} Austin. Suggest that extents should be issued against the estate of M^{r} Jervoise, who had about 5,000*l.* of the money. Dated Aug. 24, 1711.
Minuted:—"24th Aug^{t} 1711. The Comm^{rs} take order to write to M^{r} Chute to come up." 5½ *pages.*

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[About Aug. 25.] 57. Petition of the undertakers of the hospitals for her Majesty's sick and wounded seamen, &c. at the ports of Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rochester, and Deal, to the Lord High Treasurer. Could procure credit no longer, and were two years in arrear, and no manner of interest on the seamen's tickets was allowed to them. Had been informed that their arrears were to be put amongst the old debts of the navy on the fund of the South Sea trade, which would be their ruin. Prayed to be paid in money according to their contract, or to be allowed for their loss.

Minuted:—"25 Aug^{t} 1711. Read." 1 *page*.

Aug. 27. 58. Memorial of Thomas Foley, of Stoke Court, in the co. of Hereford, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying a renewal of his contract with the Treasury for cord wood in Dean Forest, in the co. of Gloucester. Dated 27 Aug. 1711.

Referred to Edw. Wilcox, Esq., Surveyor General of H.M. Woods, to report. 1 *page*.

—Aug. 27. 59. "State of M^{r} Corker's account of the moneys received and paid on account of the contracts for the preemption of tinn from the time of his first appointment to the office of receiver and paymaster for the tinn contract, being 1st of September 1709 to the 27th of August 1711." Certified 27 Aug. 1711. 2 *pages*.

[? About Aug. 28.] 60. Petition of William Talman to the Lord High Treasurer, praying permission to surrender his patent as Queen's waiter in her Majesty's Customs to his brother-in-law, James Tate, who was fully qualified.

Minuted:—"28 Aug. 1711. The oath must be first taken that no money or other consideration is given or promised to M^{r} Talman." 1 *page*.

Aug. 28. 61. Report of Sir Isaac Newton to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his L^{p} "a further account of the tin" consigned to M^{r} Drummond at Amsterdam and to M^{r} Stratford and M^{r} Free at Hamburgh. If M^{r} Stratford would give after the rate of 4*l.* per C^{wt}, and then within one month after the consignment of every hundred tons for sale, advance the full price of 8,000*l.*, the bargain would be manifestly more advantageous than any of the commissions mentioned. The officers of the Mint had been of opinion that her Majesty lost something by sending tin abroad upon commissions and particular contracts, but the tin was already abroad, and whether her Majesty should be at the charge of setting up new offices abroad for selling no more than 200 tons per ann., or sell by contract or commission, was a new question. Dated Mint Office, 28 Aug. 1711. 2 *pages*.

[? About 29 Aug.] 62. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer of the gentlemen and other inhabitants of the counties of Anglesea, Carnarvon, Merioneth, and part of Denbigh, in North Wales, and the masters and owners of vessels and boats trading on that coast. For eight years after the duty was laid on coal and culm, the inhabitants were allowed to have "sleck and small shaling" on payment of the duty charged on culm, but in 1706 the Com^{rs} of Customs directed the collector of Chester to levy the duty of 5*s.* a chaldron thereon, as a species of coal. It was in no respect equal to coal, and at the pits was not sold for more than a fourth of the price. The trade was thereby utterly destroyed. The inhabitants had no manure for their land but lime, for burning which the sleck or culm was chiefly used, and for want of it whole parishes lay untilled. Praying that directions might be given to the collector to charge the same duty as was collected at Milford.

Minuted:—"29 Aug^{t} 1711. Ref. to Com^{rs} Customes." 1 *page.*

Aug. 29. 63. Report of the Com^{rs} for the duties on hides, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, on a representation of the Com^{rs} of Excise, &c. in North Britain relating to their establishment. Had no objection to the proposals as to the new duty, nor to the allowance for riding charges. Dated Aug. 29, 1711.

Two enclosures.

Minuted:—"Read 12 7^{br} 1711. The Com^{rs} are to prepare an establishm^{t} accordingly. An establishm^{t} sent up and w^{t} signed thereupon." 6 *pages.*

Aug. 29. 64. G. Granville to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Recommends M^{r} John Dennis, the bearer, to his Lordship for assistance, and reminds his Lordship of the assurance given him (M^{r} Granville) that he (the bearer) should be made easy. Dated 29 Aug. 1711.

The memorial of John Dennis, who had made various proposals for raising revenue. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 30. 65. Com^{rs} of Victualling to the Secretaries of the L^{d} High Treasurer. Remind them that the season for making contracts for pork, beef, &c. was at hand, which contracts they could not make except at extravagant rates, the dealers alleging that their (the Com^{rs}') bills were at upwards of 35 per cent. discount; hope for an assurance from his Lordship as to the manner of payment. Dated 30 Aug. 1711.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVII., is:—"On Wednesd^{a} next my Lord resolves to make a distribuc͞on for paying 2 months on the courses of the navy and victuall, & the Com^{rs} of the navy & victuall. are then to attend." 1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 66. Ro. Corker to Christopher Tilson, Esq. (Treasury Chambers). Sending an account of the tin. Was in cash towards the next coinage, 8,977*l.* 18*s.* 4$\frac{3}{4}$*d.* It would require about 29,000*l.* Dated Falmouth, Aug. 30, 1711. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 3. 1. Comrs for Transports to the Lord High Treasurer. Lay before his Lp an account of the freight earned by 10 transport ships let out by order of General Stanhope, to Genoese merchants in the Mediterranean, to go from Port Mahon to the Levant to bring corn from thence to Barcelona for the use of his Catholic Majesty, viz., from 26 Jan. 1709 to 18 July 1710. Dated 3 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 3. 2. Col. J. Dudley to ———. Had appointed three gentlemen of his Majesty's Council of the province of New Hampshire and the Secretary to attend them, to examine persons as to the waste of her Majesty's timber there, "which must be made in that province by Mr Bridger" or under his licence. There had been a misunderstanding between Mr Bridger and Mr Francis Collins, merchant, in London, on which the Board of Trade and the Treasury had been addressed. Had given Mr Bridger, as her Majesty's Surveyor General of Woods, all encouragement and assistance, and obtained the law of 100*l.* penalty for offenders cutting timber, &c. Dated Boston, New England, September 3, 1711. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 3. Report of the Comrs of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Richard Tustian, and on the Act of Parliament for laying duties on playing cards, giving an account of the method of making cards. They apprehended that such cards as had been cut from the boards since the 11th of June 1711 were liable to the duties. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Sept. 4, 1711.

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 4. 4. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Sir Basil Dixwell, Bart., auditor of her Majesty's duties of Excise. He was appointed at a salary of 500*l.* per ann. and 200*l.* per ann. towards three clerks, and was allowed 60*l.* per ann. more for an additional clerk for duties on malt. It might be necessary for him to employ another additional clerk for the duties on candles and hops at 60*l.* per ann. Were of opinion if he executed his office by deputy, he must pay him out of his (the Auditor's) salary. Dated 4 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 7 7ber 1711. My Lord is of opinion that the 200l p ann. ought to be applyed wholy to the clerks, and if he will act by a deputy, that the deputy's sallary should be borne out of ye 500li p annū as the patent imports, and that ye 60l p ann. hitherto allowed ought to be saved to her Maty." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 5. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses extracts of letters of 13 and 16 Aug. from Mr Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Genoa. Dated Whitehall, 4 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"Send this to Mr Bridges."

The extracts named, 1st as to bills and money for the campaign in Spain; 2nd, as to the striking on a rock of H.M. ship "Swallow," prize. 3¼ *pages.*

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Sept. 5. 6. An account of what money is standing out in the hands of the late receivers and of other arrears unrecovered.

Also demands with which the arrears were chargeable. Signed Wm Gosselin. Dated Prize Office, Septemr 5th, 1711. 2 *large pages.*

Sept. 5. 7. Memorial to my Lord Treasurer for Mr McKenzie, "the Queen's Secretary to the King of Poland." Had been employed for the Queen's affairs in Poland and Saxony from the end of April 1710. Had been obliged to make very great journeys, particularly to the conference with the Czar, and his station had commonly been so far from hence that his appointments were eaten up by the postage of letters. Prayed allowance for his journeys, and for an establishment or an allowance for postage as others had. Asked for employment elsewhere, as it might not be thought expedient to continue him at the court where he then was, he having been ill used by the Count Fleming, the K. of Poland's first Minister, both by outrageous words and gestures, on account of his zeal for her Majesty's service, and for his having discovered several things "were a treating," to the prejudice of her Majesty and her allies, particularly at the conference with the Czar. Since at this conjuncture of affairs in the north, it might not be expedient to insist on reparation, asked to be either removed to another station, or for his encouragement to be made resident there.

"R. from E. Stair, Sept 5, 1711."

Minuted:—"To be delivered to Mr Powys." 3 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 5. 8. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the army to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the memorial of Col. Dormer, touching his loss and expenses in coming express from General Stanhope. His equipage was plundered at Brihuega by the enemy, whilst they were capitulating, and other things were stolen from him at Bilboa. It was usual upon officers being sent home, for her Majesty's bounty to be paid to them for their losses. The Controllers thought 200*l.* would be sufficient allowance to the Colonel. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 5 Sept. 1711.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 5. 9. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses petition of Mr Thomas Boteler which her Majesty referred to the Lord Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 5 Sept. 1711.

The petition. Petitioner seeks the royal bounty for going to the Duchess of Newcastle to fetch the privy seal, on the death of the Duke, who was the late keeper thereof. On the death of Lord Lonsdale, Lord Privy Seal, in A.D. 1700, Mr Gregson, his secretary, had a reward of 50*l.* for a similar service.

Minuted:—"7 7br 1711. He must produce the precedent authentically." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 5. 10. A precept from the Comrs of Account to Wm Lowndes and Thomas Harley, Esqres, Secretaries of the Treasury, to produce attested copies on oath (with certain exceptions) of letters, orders, or directions sent by the Lord High Treasurer or Com^{rs} of the Treasury to the Auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer, from 25 Mar. 1704 to the determination of their commission, which would be 25 Mar. 1712. Dated 5 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"The copying lr̃es dispensed with because they receive them from the Excheq. The mem^{lls} themselves were sent." 1 *page.*

Sept. 5. 11. Report of the Com^{rs} of Accounts (Meadows and Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer. On the demands of Col. Morgan, late Lieut. Governor of the Isle of Wight, and Col. Holmes, the present Lieut. Governor, for contingent disbursements from 19 July 1710 to 14 Oct. following, for the six regiments encamped in that island under Lord Shannon. Dated 5 Sept. 1711. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 5. 12. Copy of Sir Roger Mostyn's patent as Paymaster of the marines. Dated 5 Sept., 10 Anne.

"Intrat̃ 31mo Octobris 1711 in officio Arthuri Maynwaring ar̃i Aud^{ris}. H. Bythell Dep. Aud^{ris}." Also in the office of E. Harley. 2 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 13. Representation of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer of the debt in that office for works at Windsor Castle from April to June 1711. Dated 6 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 14. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Sends for his L$^{p's}$ approbation an establishment of the last 10,000 men, troops of augmentation, for which and other extraordinaries of the war in Flanders, 220,000*l.* were voted for the current year. The whole would amount to 178,347*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* a year, and there would be 41,652*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* saved and applicable to other uses of the war. Dated Whitehall, 6 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"7 7br 1711. Compare this with the former Establ."

"There is no former establishm^{t} to compare with this as M^{r} Granville acquaints me (being the first), and that it is formed according to the treatys. Chr. Tilson." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 6. 15. Charles Bertie to [the Secretary to the Treasury]. Was ready, as executor to his father, to pay into the Exchequer the balance due on his final account as late Treasurer of the Ordnance, but craved certain allowances. Dated Uffington, 6 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"Send him a copy of this report wth report to pay in ye ball^{a} and my Lord resolves that upon the death or removal of any trer. of ye ordñce, ye Queen shalbe at no charge of a clerk or otherwise to make up acco^{t} beyond 6 months after such death or removal." 1 *page.*

Sept. 7. 16. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer on the progress of the repair of Hyde Park Road. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 7 Sept. 1711.

Plan annexed. 3 *pages.*

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Sept. 7. 17. Memorial of Capt. Thomas John Ekins, of Col. Clayton's regiment of foot, to the Queen. Was wounded through the foot at Vive S^{t} Eloy. Prays for the royal bounty.

Minuted:—"7 7^{br} 1711. There is no provision by Parl^{t} for allowances of this kind." 1 *page.*

[After Sept. 7.] 18. Petition of Mary Purdon to the Lord High Treasurer. She and her husband are in a perishing condition; the latter has spent his blood and fortune in the service of the Crown, and has had nothing to put in his empty stomach for the last three days but raw turnips, and she is a cripple with the gout, and hourly expecting a gaol. She is a gentlewoman and knows not how to beg, and to starve to death is doubtless a terrible death.

Minuted:—"Mary Purdon. Had 10^{li} by a warr^{t} to M^{r} Compton 7th 7^{br} 1711, wth these words Her Ma^{ty} being pleased to bestow ye same on her for this time, but to expect no more." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 9. 19. Copy of M^{r} Hamond's (Treasurer of H.M. troops in Spain) receipt for 800,000 pieces of eight. Translated from the original in Italian. Dated Port Mahon, 9 Sept. 1711. With an attestation of its truth at the foot. 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 20. Charles Carkesse to M^{r} Harley. The Com^{rs} gave directions on 28 Aug. for the delivery of the arms belonging to Brigadier Stanwix's regiment, detained on board the Albion galley, but no one had demanded them. Dated Custom House, 10 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"Send this to ye Sec^{ry}-at-Warr. The mr̃e is at an end." 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 21. Report of M^{r} William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^{r} Pitt, keeper of Newgate Prison, and on the bill of expenses for the late Marquis de Guiscard whilst in custody. Dated 10 Sept. 1711.

The memorial, M^{r} Tilson's letter to the keeper on receiving custody of the prisoner, and a schedule of the expenses. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 22. Com^{rs} of the Navy to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer, respecting the inability of the contractors for serving the Navy to comply with their contracts, on account of the high discount on Navy bills and the uncertainty of their payment. Nothing but a full stop to the affairs of the Navy could be expected, unless an immediate remedy were applied. Dated 10 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"11 7ber 1711. Read. To be considered at the time y^{e} distribuc̃on intended for ye course shalbe made." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 23. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Harley, as to the provisions supplied to the garrisons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, and the accounts rendered thereof. Dated 11 Sept. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 24. Com^{rs} of Customs in Scotland to Will^{m} Lowndes, Esq^{re}. Had published the promised pardon and reward for the persons concerned in breaking open the warehouses of Leith and Borrowstoness, but the affair had not yet come to light. Had applied for forces to

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be quartered along the coast. The running trade from Zetland still continued, and horses and oxen were run into Lochryan and Stanraer in boats with about 20 at a time, openly and by force. Dated Edinburgh, 11 Sept. 1711. 2 *pages*.

Sept. 12. 25. Ro. Hunter, Governor of New York, to Mr Lowndes. Had not had time to enquire particularly into Mr Bridger's conduct with relation to her Majesty's woods; but had heard that great waste had been committed by his giving deputations to persons having saw mills, and receiving from them a yearly salary. By her Majesty's letters Mr Bridger was ordered to attend the Palatines, and instruct them in the tar trade, and with him he (the Governor) visited the woods and fixed the place of their settlement, and he (Bridger) was allowed to return to New England for the winter upon promise to return early in the spring, when they were to be set to work. This he had since positively refused to do, so that if that good work depended upon him, one whole year was lost; but suspecting his ability and not a little his integrity, he (the Governor) found another who better understood the matter. By all his (Mr Bridger's) proceedings he (the Governor) verily believed he was hired to betray her Majesty's interests. The work, however, was in the greatest forwardness. Had laid out all the money he could raise, and engaged all the credit he could make. It should not fail at his door, tho' he should be ruined. Had prepared 100,000 trees, and the very children when he was there had made between three and four score barrels of tar out of the knots, and by that time had made as much more. Had drawn upon the Ld High Treasurer for above half a year's subsistence for that people. Dated New York, 12 Sept. 1711. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 12. 26. Letter from the Admiralty to the Secretaries of the Treasury, representing the discouragement the dealers with the Navy were under for want of money, and the necessity of supplying them, especially the victualling part. Dated Admiralty Office, 12 Sept. 1711. 1½ *pages*.

Sept. 13. 27. Officers of the Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had remitted 5,000*l*. for the fortifications of Gibraltar, but could give no information of those at Port Mahon, as they had no directions about them. Dated 13 Sept. 1711. 1 *page*.

Sept. 13. 28. Comrs for Sick and Wounded to Mr Lowndes. Had nothing to do with the armies or land service, their instructions being from the Lord High Admiral, and relating only to seamen and naval officers. Dated 13 Sept. 1711. 1 *page*.

Sept. 14. 29. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Her Majesty directed that the enclosed memorial of Captn Mowat for 100*l*. subsistence of his company of invalids at Sheerness, with which his serjeant ran away, should be laid before the Ld High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 14 Sept. 1711.

The memorial.

Minuted :—"7 Apr. 1712. The Queen thinkes it would be of ill consequence to begin a preced^{t} of this kind, but will have some consideracõn of the pet$^{r's}$ misfortune." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 14. 30. An account of the arrears standing out of the two thirds subsidy in money and bonds at Midsummer 1711.

Attested by "R. Paul, ꝑ Comp^{r} G^{l} 14 Sep^{r} 1711." 1 *large page.*

Sept. 17. 31. Copy of warrant to the Commissary General of Musters (Michael Hyde, Esq.) and the Deputy Commissary for making out muster rolls for the detachment of the first and Coldstream regiment of foot guards in Spain, from 25 Aug. 1707 to 24 Oct. following. Dated 17 Sept. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 32. Report of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord [High Treasurer], as to bills drawn upon him by M^{r} William Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Genoa, for which the canton of Berne demanded interest, the money having been advanced to Lieut.-General Stanhope for her Majesty's service in Spain. Dated Pay Office, 18 Sept. 1711.

Also a letter of M^{r} Lowndes to M^{r} Brydges on the same subject.

Minuted :—"18 7ber 1711. M^{r} Brydges to write as he proposes." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 33. J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Again asks his Lordship to consider and give directions on the annexed estimate for the service in Spain to the 22nd Dec. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 18 Sept. 1711.

The estimate. 7½ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 34. Report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to Thomas Harley, Esq., on the petition of M^{r} Edward Lascells of London, merchant, touching a bill of exchange drawn at "Antegoa" by the commander and purser of H.M. ship the "Lark," objecting to acceptance of the bill, not approving the charges. Dated Victualling Office, 18 Sept. 1711.

Also the petition. 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 18. 35. M^{r} Brydges's representation on the Governor of Gibraltar's letter referred to him, relating to the distress of the garrison for want of coals, candles, bread, &c. Dated Pay Office, 18 Sept. 1711.

Minuted :—"18 7^{ber} 1711. To be sent to y^{e} Secr̃y-at-War."

The extract from the letter named. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 18 36. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a letter from M^{r} Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Genoa. Dated Windsor Castle, 18 Sept. 1711.

The letter named.

The "Lyon" and "Tartar" pink were under sail for Barcelona with the money he put on board. The captains made a difficulty to count and charge themselves with the money consigned to them for the Queen's service, and there was no gaining upon them to do it without allowing so much per cent. freight. Asks his L^{p} to give directions thereon. Lord Forbes and M^{r} Hammond arrived in time to take passage on board the ships.

Minuted:—"18 7^{br} 1711. So much as concerns the men-of-warr to be sent to ye Adm^{ty}." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 37. Report of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial and accounts of the Hon. M^{r} Brydges, paymaster of the army abroad, and on an account of sums issued for fortifications at Gibraltar and Port Mahon, as also for the train of artillery in Spain, and the pontoon service, amounting to 109,001*l.* 4*s.* 3¼*d.* This office until now had no knowledge of these services. They (the Com^{rs}) agree that these services ought to have been under care of the Board of Ordnance, &c. Dated Office of Ordnance, 18 Sept. 1711.

The memorial and accounts referred to. 10 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 38. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Asking for directions to be given to M^{r} John White, whom they had appointed to succeed M^{r} Griffyth, their agent at Port Mahon, displaced for drawing bills for considerable sums on account of a hospital ordered to be built at Port Mahon by Sir John Jennings. Unless a credit of at least 1,500*l.* or 2,000*l.* were given to the new agent, our credit must inevitably be lost. They further draw attention to the want of money to pay their foreign bills of exchange. Dated 18 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"18 Sept. 1711. Comm^{rs} Sick & W^{d} to be here on Fryday morning, 26. To Treasurer Navy for his answer about the credit desired on Fryday." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 19. 39. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary Cusak, widow and administatrix of Col. Charles Cusak. Could not inform his L^{p} out of what fund the demands made by the petitioner could be satisfied. Dated Pay Office, 19 Sept. 1711.

Minuted:—"7 July 1712. Send this to y^{e} Comm^{rs} for stating the army arrears." 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 20. 40. An account of the time to which the several regiments, troops, and companies under the care of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} John Howe, Esq., paymaster general of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c., are cleared, and the time when the clearings were paid. Dated Pay Office, 20 Sept. 1711. 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 20. 41. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Asks the Lord High Treasurer's pleasure as to the pay of the battalion of the third regiment of guards, taken prisoners at Eriheuga. Dated Whitehall, 20 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 20. 42. Com^{rs} for Taxes to Thomas Harley, Esq., as to what was due to M^{r} Francis Sorell and M^{r} John Powle for salary as clerks to the Agents for Taxes. Dated Office for Hides, &c., 20 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 20. 43. Com^{rs} of Victualling to the Lord High Treasurer. Refer to the representations they had already made of the difficulties they laboured under in making provision for the service of the navy. The dealers required to know how they should be paid. In a month there would be little or no provision in store. Dated 20 Sept. 1711. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 20. 44. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the majors of regiments of foot in Ireland, with the reports of the general officers and of the late Lord Lieut. thereon. The pay of a major of foot in Ireland was 4*s.* a day, but in England it was 5*s.* Their request to be put on an equality was reasonable. Dated Dublin Castle, 20 Sept. 1711.

The petition and two reports.

Minuted :—" Aprill 7th 1712. My Lord cannot encourage this." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 21. 45. J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer, representing the urgent necessity of the Com^{rs} of Victualling being assisted to make contracts for provisions. Dated Admiralty Office, 21 Sept. 1711. 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 21. 46. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Wogan and Judith his wife, to her Majesty, praying payment of the arrears of an annuity of 150*l.* per ann. due out of the revenue of Ireland, and for placing the same on the establishment. The petitioners could recover the same by law, and it would save expense if her Majesty gratified them. Dated Dublin Castle, 21 Sept. 1711.

The petition.

Minuted :—" April 7th 1712. To see in whose hands the mills are, & what rent is answered to the Crowne. The Com^{rs} of the Revenue report the mills and wares [? wears] in the Crowne, & M^{r} Southwell says are let for 90^{li} a year, and the lands are laid into the deer parke." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 47. An account of tallies and money remaining unassigned in the hands of the treasurer for transports the 22d September 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 23. 48. Memorial of M^{r} Basil Dixwell to the Lord High Treasurer. Had hitherto paid, and would pay, the three old clerks in his office the whole 200*l.* a year allowed, but they were fully occupied with the duties already assigned them. An additional clerk was appointed for the duty on malt, and there was a necessity for a further clerk for the candle and hop duties, at a salary of 60*l.* per ann. Dated Broome, 23 Sept. 1711.

Minuted :—" 4 Oct. 1711. Read." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 49. An account of tallies and orders and stock remaining in the hands of James Brydges, Esq., applicable by direction from the Treasury, and in what course of payment they stand upon the registers. Dated 24 Sept. 1711. 1¼ *pages.*

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Sept. 24. 50. Copy of report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the present state and condition of the Lustring Company. They agreed with the Com^rs^ for Trade and Plantations, except as to the amount of her Majesty's share of forfeitures by seizures of lustrings and alamodes. Dated 24 Sept. 1711.

The report (marked No. 3) of the Com^rs^ of Trade and Plantations referred to. They recommend an allowance to the company of 2,400*l.* per ann. for six years and her Majesty's share of forfeitures of lustrings and alamodes. 8 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 51. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits by her Majesty's command the petition of Sir John Mason and a letter relating to it. Her Majesty did not think fit to grant a reference in cases merely of grace and favour, and directed that the Lord Treasurer should lay them before her when other matters concerning customs were considered. Dated 24 Sept. 1711.

The petition referred to, which prayed the acceptance of a surrender of a grant of the office of searcher, &c. of the ports of Waterford and Ross, and the re-grant of the same to himself and his son. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 25. 52. Memorial of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, asking an order for 88,995*l.* voted by Parliament, and for directions as to acceptance of bills from William Hawys, their commissary at Boston, in New England. Dated 25 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 53. M^r^ William Popple to the Secretaries of the Treasury. The Com^rs^ of Trade, &c. had considered the petition of Michael Lambert, Esq., Lieut. Governor of S^t^ Christopher's, for a confirmation of a grant of land in the French part of the island, with M^r^ Blathwayt's report thereon, and the grant of the late Col. Parke of the said land. As the petitioner had planted sugar canes, which would add to the revenue, their Lordships advised a renewal of the grant for two and a half years. Dated Whitehall, Sept. 25, 1711.

The petition and report. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 25. 54. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends extracts of letters from M^r^ Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at Turin, of 20, 24, and 27 June concerning the Prussian troops in Italy in her Majesty's pay. Dated Whitehall, 25 Sept. 1711.

The extracts. 4 *pages, 2 parts, quarto.*

Sept. 26. 55. Report of M^r^ W^m^ Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Bishop of London, who prayed that the fines imposed on certain rioters at Hammersmith might be applied to repay the prosecutors. Approving a grant to be made to them, but the particular sums were paid to the deputy sheriff, to be by him paid into the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 26 Sept. 1711.

The petition named, signed by the Bishop. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 26. 56. Auditors of Imprests' representation to the Lord High Treasurer of the state of the accounts depending before them. Dated 26 Sept. 1711. 17 *pages.*

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Sept. 27. 57. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer. Was desired by an address of the House of Commons to recommend Mr John Richardson to her Majesty, for a reward of 200*l.* for his zeal and pains in converting the Popish natives of that kingdom to the Protestant religion. Sent the resolutions of the House thereon for her Majesty's consideration. Dated Dublin Castle, 27 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 58. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a copy and translation of a letter received from the Envoy of Portugal, of the authority given him by Don Diego de Mendoza de Corte Real, Secretary of State to the King his master, for receiving the money due for powder. Dated Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1711.

The document named, and two other letters. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 27. 59. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer. Having submitted to the Solicitor General of Ireland, the petition of John Lord Baron of Kingston, praying payment of a considerable sum due to him on certain letters patent granted by King Charles II., now sends his report. Dated Dublin Castle, 27 Sept. 1711.

The petition referred to, and a report of the Auditor General of 12 July 1712. The Solicitor General's report is not with it. 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 28. 60. Memorial of Mr James Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer], as to the issues of further sums under the head of expense; desiring his Lordship's instructions thereon, that he might send them to Mr Mead, his deputy in Spain. Dated Pay Office, 28 Sept. 1711.

Also a state of the mule carriage and other extraordinaries of the war. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 61. Memorial of the same to the same, relating to Major-General Newton's demand for the non-effective money stopped from his regiment. Dated 28 Sept. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 62. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Harley. Sending an account of the victualling from 25 March 1711 to the 26th inst., with an estimate of all other debts during that time. Dated Victualling Office, 28 Sept 1711.

The estimate referred to. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 63. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending an extract of a letter from Mr Manning, who desired payment of arrears. Dated 28 Sept. 1711.

The extract referred to, dated at "Coire." The position he filled abroad does not appear. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 64. The same to the same. Sending an abstract of a letter from one Mr Whitehall, of Dover, containing intelligence of the passing to Calais of two gentlemen and the repassing of the same for London. Dated the same day. 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 29. 65. H. Bishop of London to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for her Majesty's usual bounty for Mr Owen Doyle, who was going as chaplain to Maryland. Dated Fulham, 29 Sept. 1711. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 29. 66. Account of the sums issued at the receipt of the Exchequer to James Brydges, Esq., out of the funds for the year 1711, between the 29 June 1711 and 29 Sept. following. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 1. 1. Auditors of Imprests' report to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Hon. James Brydges, Esq. Inform his Lordship as to the state of forwardness of M^{r} Brydges' accounts. Dated 1 Oct. 1711.

Letter from M^{r} Brydges for his L^{p} to stop process that he might go on with the passing of his accounts.

Minuted:—"2 9^{r} 1711. To y^{e} two audr̃s to-morrow on their report ab^{t} M^{r} Brydges' acc^{t}." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 1. 2. Establishment of the garrison of S^{t} Mawes to commence on 25 Oct. Dated 1 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 1. 3. Report of the Auditors of Imprests to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh, praying a stay of process in relation to his accounts, as Paymaster General of the forces and Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital. The account of the army was declared to 24 Dec. 1701, with a balance thereon of 4,901,714*l.* 18*s.* 0$\frac{5}{8}$*d.* disallowed for want of regular vouchers, &c. Advising a *supersedeas* on the process and a bond to the Exchequer to prosecute and pass his accounts. Dated 1 Oct. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 1. 4. Report of the Surveyor General to the Lord High Treasurer, on a report of his predecessor made on a petition of Robert Watson, who prayed a lease of certain sheds, &c. adjoining to the north side of the wall of Greenwich Park, and on a letter of Sir W^{m} Gifford, desiring a grant of the office of Steward of the manor of Greenwich. Was of opinion that the petitioner might have a 31 years' lease of the encroachment without the park (which he found was the Queen's, and not Sir Mich. Biddulph's), at a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* Agreed with Sir W. Gifford that it was not fit that anything within the park should be granted by lease. Advised the appointment of Sir William Gifford as steward. Had viewed the encroachments on the wastes and soil of the manor of Greenwich by buildings and enclosures on Blackheath, which were found by a survey in 1697, but no prosecution had been ordered for the recovery. Now some of the encroachers had petitioned for a lease for 31 years. Great damage was done by digging chalk: the rails placed by the surveyor at the entrance to the main chalk pit had been thrown down, and a title insisted thereon by the Lady Mordaunt.

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At the Victualling Office, Tower Hill, the old wall was built on by adjoining inhabitants. They had increased their abuses since the last surveyor's time, and remedied none of them. Dated 1 Oct. 1711.

On the back is a copy of the warrant for the grant of a lease to Robert Watson of the premises outside the park wall. There is also the petition referred to, a letter relating to the same, and a report of S. Travers. 9 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 5. "Account general of the cost & charges of all the corn sent to Spain by the Commiss^{rs} for transporting her Majesty's forces and their agents by transport ships during the present war, and also account to whom the same hath been delivered." Dated Transport Office, 2 Oct. 1711. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 6. "Memorial of James Brydges, Esq^{re}, laying before my Lord Treasurer an account of payments for the fortifications of Port Mahon and Gibraltar, distinguishing how much was paid each person." Dated Pay Office, 2 Oct. 1711.

The account. The payments were made by Thomas Morris, Esq., deputy paymaster at Lisbon, and by the late Ambassador, M^{r} Methuen. 6 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 7. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Inform his L^{p} that, by treaty with the King of Portugal, 3,413 barrels of powder were to be delivered to him, but in March 1711, 13,905 barrels were due, which at 3*l.* per barrel amounted to 41,715*l.* The payment of the same was assigned to the South Sea Company. Dated 2 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 2. 8. H. S^{t} John to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses certain particulars from his letters received from North America, relating to money borrowed, &c. by Brigadier Gen^{l} Hill and Admiral Walker in North America. Dated Whitehall, 2 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 9. "Computation of the transport debt from the 25 March to the 29 September 1711." Dated Transport Office, 2 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"It is my Lord's opinion that all y^{e} contracts now running w^{ch} were made for transports before Michas be paid & discharged by repayments out of the South Sea Stock." 1 *page.*

Oct. 2. 10. Memorial of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks for his L^{p}'s pleasure whether M^{r} Morrice should make payments under the heads "Pay of the General & Staff Officers, Contingencies of the Army, &c.," that he, M^{r} Brydges, might give proper instructions. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 2 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"2 Oct. 1711. Pay and contingencies warranted by the establishm^{t} are not meant to be postponed. My Lord thinks that the extravagant price put in Portugall on the bread supplyed the troops in her Ma^{ts} pay ought to be made good out of the King of Portugall's subsidy; the contracts being made by the King [of] Portugall." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 2. 11. "Sallaries payable to the Commissioners, patent and other officers of the customs in North Britain for Lady Day quarter 1711, pursuant to the warrant of the Right Honble the late Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, dated the 29th day of March 1711." Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 2 October 1711.

Copy, certified by "Jon Crookshanks, Comptroller Genl." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 12. Memorial of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends (1) an extract of a letter from the Duke of Argyle, Genl and Commander-in-Chief of her Majesty's forces in Spain, to Mr Morice, deputy paymaster at Lisbon, relating to the garrison of Gibraltar (which place the Duke considered was under his command), and (2) copy of a letter of Mr Morrice to him (Mr Brydges) thereon. Asks directions also as to the part of the letter relating to the purchase of 2,000 barrels of powder and 1,000 of shot at Lisbon. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 2 Oct. 1711.

The extracts referred to. 3½ *pages, much decayed.*

Oct. 2. 13. Memorial from the same to the same relating to the Earl of Portmore's computation of the extraordinary charge of the bread and forage in Portugal. Dated 2 Oct. 1711.

The estimate referred to. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 14. Comrs of Victualling to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Send copy of a letter from Sir John Jennings, dated at Port Mahon, acquainting them (the Comrs) that their agent had drawn on them for 6,000 or 8,000 dollars, and requesting punctual payment. Dated 2 Oct. 1711.

The copy referred to. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 15. Memorial of Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lord High Treasurer, laying the state of the debt before his Lp, and asking him to enable them to carry on the service. Dated 2 Oct. 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 3. 16. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer on the state of Mr Dummer's contract with that office for carrying on the West India correspondence. By mismanagement or ill-conduct Mr Dummer was wholly incapable of carrying on the service, nor could they see how it was to be continued on the footing of the contract. They thought that the last three months' letters, of which the merchants had paid the postage, should be forwarded by hiring one of the vessels assigned to Mr Mead.

Minuted:—"Agreed." [There is a longer Minute to the same effect in *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 74.]

As the letters had not answered a fourth part of the charge, they refer it to his Lp whether this intercourse of letters should be continued. Dated General Post Office, 3 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages* (*a portion decayed from the foot*).

Oct. 3. 17. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning Mr William Barkley, surveyor of Excise, recommended for employment. They (the Comrs) had appointed a surveyor to be

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collector, who had been several years longer in the service than M^{r} Barkley, and had behaved himself much to their satisfaction. Dated 3 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"4 Octo. 1711. My Lord acquiesces." 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 18. Report of the same Com^{rs} concerning the compositions made by the Treasury from 13 Dec. 1701 to 28 Sept. 1711. Dated 3 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 3. 19. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his L$^{p's}$ directions as to the pressing demands of Major General Scissan for money to subsist 900 men, besides those killed at the siege, for which he had received but 10,600 guilders. Dated Pay Office, 3 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Sweet to enquire w^{t} the Dutch have paid, and then my Lord will consider this demand."

An extract of M^{r} Cardonnel's letter thereon. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 4. 20. Report of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer. No composition had been made by virtue of an Act of Parliament, of any debt due from any receiver, distributor, collector, or other person concerned in the management or receipt of the duties under their care from 13 Dec. 1701. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Oct. 4, 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 5. 21. T. Baker and W^{m} Gosselin to the Lord High Treasurer. Pray his Lordship's allowance of the incident charges disbursed in the business of the prize arrears from Midsummer 1709 to Michaelmas 1711. Dated Prize Office, 5 Oct. 1711. 2 *large pages.*

Oct. 5. 22. Memorial of M^{r} James Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer], praying for stop of process against him, his accounts not having been passed. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 5 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 5. 23. [? The same] to the same. Gives an estimate of what was necessary to subsist the prisoners in Spain, from 24 June 1711 to 23 Sept. following. Dated Pay Office, 5 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 5. 24. The same to the same. Could not inform his L^{p} what forage would be required in the Low Countries for winter quarters, not having received the account. Dated 5 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 5. 25. Henry Baker to William Lowndes, Esq. Sends a list of officers employed for preventing the exportation of wool, and their salaries and stations, account of the seizures made, &c. Dated 5 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

The list, &c. are not now with it.

Oct. 6. 26. J. Dawson to M^{r} Powys. Had acquainted the B^{p} of Meath with his (M^{r} Powys') thoughts of the bishop's case. What the bishop required was no more than the profits of the bishopric during the vacancy of the see, which undoubtedly belonged to the Queen, and the executors of the late bishop had no pretence to it. Dated Dublin Castle, 6 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 6. 27. Report of the Com^rs for hackney coaches to the Lord High Treasurer as to the absence of their officers. Dated 6 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 6. 28. "An acco^t of such regulations as appear to be necessary for the management of her Majesty's land revenue, and to which the auditors are duly to conforme." "Entred 6th October 1711." A copy probably made some years later. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 8. 29. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends his report to the Lord High Treasurer relating to a charge (of 701*l.* 6*s.*) for double officers on the battalion of guards which served in Spain. Dated Whitehall, 8 Oct. 1711.

The report named. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 8. 30. "An account of all tobacco bonds remaining in my hands and in the hands of the solicitor y^e 29 Sept^r 1711, and what sum thereof was due at that time." Signed, "Hen. Ferne, Rec. Gen^ll." Dated Custom House, 8 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 31. Memorial of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer "concerning a transport debenture in the hands of the Comm^rs of Excise." Dated Excise Office, London, 9 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 32. Report of the same to the same, in reply to a letter requiring them to certify monthly as to the absence as well of any of their own number as of the officers under them. M^r Ryley, one of their number, had been absent upon some extraordinary affairs of his own "since the 27th past." As to the officers, it frequently fell out that some of them, on account of death of relations, sickness, or other accidents, had leave for a few days, not often exceeding 15, and more frequently fewer, but they were never away without leave. The place of the absent officer (unless for sickness) was supplied at his (the officer's) own expense. Submitted to his L^p whether in future they should be more particular. Dated Excise Office, London, 9 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"10 Oct. 1711. The first order is to be observed." 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 33. Establishment for the Comm^rs for inspecting the public affairs relating to the war in Portugal, Spain, and Italy, commencing 28th Novem^r 1711. Dated 9 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 34. Report of the Com^rs for hides, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, certifying that there was in arrear for the land tax of 1709, 47,661*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, and for 1710, 216,829*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, the particulars of which were annexed. The greatest part would be recovered by Lady Day next. Dated 9 Oct. 1711.

Letter of M^r Lowndes, and the particulars referred to. 6 *pages.*

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Oct. 9. 35. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of divers merchants of London trading to Virginia and Maryland, and on a paper annexed complaining of the hardships of being obliged by a new order of the Comrs to pay the bonds before the time. Dated Custom House, London, 9 Oct. 1711. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 36. Mr J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. To enquire if his Lp could conveniently supply the money if the Comrs of the Admiralty gave orders to pay the ships to June 1709. Dated Admiralty Office, 9 Oct. 1711.

Minuted :—"To the navy to estimate how much will be necessary before Xm̃as, & at what times & in what proporc̃on." 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 37. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Ld High Treasurer, about the want of money, provisions, &c. for Gibraltar. Dated Pay Office, 9 Oct. 1711.

Minuted :—"11 Oct. 1711. Mr Brydges to write to Mr Morice to supply the guarison with subsistence upon acct, the Queen having ordered a new establ. for them, wh wilbe forwarded by letter." 1 *page.*

Oct. 10. 38. Jezreel Jones to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays his Lordship to order him the 1,500*l.* so long due, that he may pay the debts contracted on account of the shipment of the deer sent as a present from her Majesty to the Emperor of Morocco. Dated Oct. 10, 1711. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 12. 39. W. Whitfield to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Had been at the Bath for two months for his health. Was seized with the gout, and had a relapse on his return to town. Sends a memorial for clearing the marine regiments and another for subsistence, &c., to be laid before the Ld High Treasurer. Dated 12 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 12.] 40. Memorial of Cornelius Denne to the Ld High Treasurer. Was a debtor to the Crown for the salt duty, but was ordered to be enlarged from prison, when he was served with a warrant as a bondsman at the Custom House for upwards of 20,000*l.*, and still confined to prison. Was, however, willing to assist in the disposal of his estate, and prayed to be discharged for that purpose, giving security for his surrender.

Minuted :—"12 Oct. 1711. He has had an answer." 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 41. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends extracts of letters from the Duke of Argyle, and desires his Lordship to let him (Lord Dartmouth) know what methods are settled for payment of the Portuguese troops in Catalonia, that he may communicate with his Grace, who is in want of instructions. Dated Whitehall, 12 Oct. 1711.

Minuted :—"Read 16 Oct. 1711. Send an extract of ye letter of the 30th to Mr Bridges to prepare an answer to be sent by Mr Killigrew." 1 *page.*

Oct. 13. 42. Report of G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on the recruiting of the regiments in garrison out of the invalids; lays before his Lp a state of the seven companies of invalids "lately formed upon the same foot, with all other the companies of invalids doing duty in garrison," as also what reduction or saving might be made by incorporating them in the regiments in garrison. Dated 13 Oct. 1711. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 14. 43. Comrs of Sick and Wounded Seamen to Mr Harley. Send copies of two letters from the marshal at Plymouth as to the impossibility of carrying on the service without money. Dated 8ber 14, 1711.

The letters referred to, and one from Mr Burchett enclosing one of them to the Comrs. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 44. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty ordered that the Ld High Treasurer should empower Mr Morris to pay for the provisions during the passage of such troops as the Earl of Portmore should detach from Lisbon for Gibraltar. Dated Windsor Castle, 15 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"16 Nov. 1711. Victrs to make an estimate that orders may be sent accordingly." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 45. Report of the Comrs of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, certifying the absences in their office during the past month. Dated 16 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 46. "Copy of Mr Granville's report on the memorial of the supernumerary officers of Colonel Disney's regiment," showing how they came to be appointed, &c.; also as to certain officers absent from their posts, &c. Dated Whitehall, 16 Oct. 1711. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 47. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had often solicited the late Lord Treasurer for payment for the stores sent to Barbadoes, and for the charges of an engineer and 17 gunners, and now submitted the same to his Lordship's directions, as well as whether they should be continued there. Dated Office of Ordnance, 16 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 48. Report of T. [? or J.] Merrill, in the absence of Mr Howe, to the Lord High Treasurer, as well as to the payment of the three invalid companies formed out of the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, who were doing duty in the Tower, as to the four companies of invalids doing duty at Portsmouth. Dated 16 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 49. Report of Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer as to the qualifications of Thomas Brigden as a riding officer at Shoreham. Recommends the removal of John Long, a riding officer at Brighthelmston, to Shoreham, and Thomas Brigden to Brighthelmston. Dated Oct. 17, 1711.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 50. Report of William Burgh, Esq., Accountant General, to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde), on the petition of Catherine Harris, widow, for payment of supplies to the troops; also as to the rents of her estate, paid into the Treasury by order of the Com^rs of Revenue. The places where the estate was situate were, Fillard, Killesell, and Ballynegere, part of the late Earl of Clancarty's estate seized on account of his forfeiture in A.D. 1688. Dated 17 Oct. 1711.

The petition. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 51. Com^rs of Victualling to M^r Lowndes. Send an estimate of victualling 100 men 14 days at whole allowance, for which time they conceived the troops to be sent from Lisbon to Gibraltar should be victualled. Had given direction to their agent at Lisbon to furnish the detachment of troops to be sent from thence to Gibraltar. Dated 19 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 52. Com^rs for Sick and Wounded Seamen to M^r Lowndes. Specifying the services to which they judged it most necessary to distribute the 10,000*l.* lodged in the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy by the Lord High Treasurer. Were making up an exact account of their debt. Dated 20 Oct. 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

53. M^r G. Granville to M^r Lowndes. Sending M^r Wright, of his office, to explain the difficulties attending the establishments for Spain and Portugal, which were not yet settled. Asked that the Lord High Treasurer's pleasure might be taken, that M^r Wright might be enabled to make a draught of the establishments. M^r Brydges complained that he had no authority or rule to govern his payments to the forces for want thereof. Dated 20 Oct. 1711. 3 *pages, quarto.*

[? Oct. 9 or 20.] 54. Conditions agreed upon between the Duke of Marlborough and M^r Francis Beaumont, for the delivery of forage for the troops during the winter. Dated at the Camp of Marchienne, 20 Oct. 1711. [? If N.S. then it would be 9 Oct.] 2½ *pages.*

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Oct. 22. 1. Report of the Comptrollers of the accounts of the army to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the memorial of Major-General Gorge, touching the taking off the respits on his regiment amounting to 236*l.* 14*s.* Advising that the amount should be allowed. Dated 22 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"18 7^ber 1712. These having been transmitted to the Comm^rs for stating the debts of the army and returned without any report made thereupon, my Lord will not enter into y^e consideracõn thereof." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 22. 2. Certificate of the quantity of tin remaining unsold on 22^d Oct. 1711. Four of the entries are signed by T. Fauquier and one by John Anstis. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 3. W^m Popple to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends draught of a bond to be given by Sir Alex^r Rigby and W^m Culliford, Esq. for 1,000*l.* as security for Edward Hyde, Esq., to be governor of North Carolina, in order that the L^d High Treasurer might give directions for the security to be taken at the Exchequer or elsewhere. Dated Whitehall, 23 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer. Their report upon a paper proposing some alterations in the management of the Excise having been returned to them with directions to make a distinct answer to every article therein, and also to give an account of the officers removed within three years and the causes thereof, they now return this report. Conceive that the former report would have been sufficient, because the paper only alleged general objections, which seem to be collected rather from the practice of collectors and supervisors formerly discharged by them (the Com^rs) than from any methods now practiced. Dated 23 Oct. 1711.

Copy of the paper referred to. Also an account of the length of service of the different officers, and a list of those who had retired during the previous three years, and the cause of retirement. 14½ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 5. Report of the Com^rs for duties on hides, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Palmer, Esq., and others, securities for John Andrews, Esq., deceased, late Receiver General of the land tax and window tax in the county of Warwick. Had caused *capiases* to be issued against the petitioners for arrears. Would leave it to his Lordship to defer the payment longer. Dated Oct. 26, 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 6. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a letter of M^r Slaughter, agent for prisoners of war, as to the subsistence of the French prisoners at Plymouth. Dated Whitehall, 27 Oct. 1711.

The enclosure named. The agent said he could not carry on the service any longer without money, having been obliged to sell some of his goods and borrow a little of every body that would lend to him, and what to do to subsist the prisoners a week longer he could not tell, but would use his utmost endeavours if he sold the bed he lay on. Hoped the Government would not think amiss of him, if he set open the prison doors and let the prisoners shift for themselves, when he could subsist them no longer, which he hoped was better than keeping them in prison to starve. 2¼ *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 27. 7. The same to the same. Enclose copy of a letter from M^r Cole, British Consul at Algiers, relating to the corn he had bought up there for the use of her Majesty's troops. Dated Whitehall, 27 Oct. 1711.

The letter referred to. 4 *pages.*

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Oct. 29. 8. Report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Harley on the state of M^{r} Jeremiah Kelly's transactions, who was the late contracting brewer at Deal. Dated 29 Oct. 1711.

Enclosed is a tabular account of money paid him on bills made out for beer, as appeared by books in the office. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 9. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that certain tallies might be paid to the artificers "in course of payment for June and September quarters." Dated 30 Oct. 1711.

Minuted :—"Read 23th Nov. 1711." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 10. The same to the same. Enclosing a list of such bills of exchange as were drawn on that office, showing the rates at which they were drawn, &c. Remind his L^{p} that they were not to accept the bills drawn by Sir Hovenden Walker at 40*l.* per cent. until they had his L$^{p's}$ order. The bills drawn for more stores bought at Boston for the train have not come to hand. Dated 30 Oct. 1711.

The list named. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 30. 11. Memorial of Henry Hoare to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for an order for the issue of 10,000*l.* for the marines. Dated 30 Oct. 1711. 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 12. Report of the Council of Trade to the L^{d} High Treasurer on the petition in behalf of George Lyddell and Robert Clayton of the island of S^{t} Christopher, Esq^{res}, praying for a confirmation of a grant made to them for 2½ years by Col. Park, of two plantations in the French part of S^{t} Christopher's. Advising that the prayer should be granted. Dated Whitehall, 30 Oct. 1711.

Minuted :—"16 Apr. 1712. Confirmacōn agreed."

The petition, and a report of M^{r} Will^{m} Blathwayt thereon. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 13. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses an extract from a letter from M^{r} Manning, representing that he could not return, in obedience to her Majesty's commands, until he received some remittances from hence. Dated Whitehall, 31 Oct. 1711.

The extract, dated at Coire. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 31. 14. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Nath. Upton, who alleged that he was the first proposer of a duty on candles. Others had pretended to the same thing, but they (the Com^{rs}) had seen a draught of a bill for such a duty long before they pretended to have proposed the same. Dated 31 Oct. 1711.

The petition and proposals. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 15. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the Muscovite Ambassador. On the arrival of ambassadors and envoys the proper officers had orders to examine their baggage and stores, and to pass them in accordance with the

Treasury warrant dated 2 July 1707. One tun of wine was allowed free to an ambassador, and two hogsheads to an envoy. If prohibited by law, as in this case, being French wine from Holland, it was condemned. The envoy had 146 gallons above the quantity allowed. To accommodate him it was condemned and despatched to his house, and the charges amounted to 62*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* Pray further directions whether they should insist on the payment. Dated Custom House, London, 31 Oct. 1711.

Minuted:—"March 26th 1712. The duty to be demanded of the ambassador." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 5. 16. Report of Mr G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Brydges, who demanded 30,441*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* under the head of stoppages to be paid in England for officers and recruits, and for other occasions of the several regiments in Spain and Portugal. The major part had been for subsistence of officers for the time they had been in England, and for the subsistence of the officers of the Brihuega regiments who were not prisoners, &c. Dated Whitehall, 5 Nov. 1711.

The memorial referred to, and a list of the demands made by the agents for the regiments specified, and another list connected with the report. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 5. 17. Memorial of W. Whitfield to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his Lordship's order for part of subsistence, &c. for the marines. Dated 5 Nov. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 5. 18. G. Granville to the Secretaries of the Treasury. The Lord High Treasurer to order a state of the funds of Chelsea Hospital to be laid before him, that such further provision might be made for them as was necessary: a representation having been made to her Majesty of the miserable condition of the invalid soldiers discharged and sent home from the armies abroad, for want of subsistence or pension money. Dated Whitehall, 5 Nov. 1711.

The representation mentioned. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 7. 19. Report of H. Reneu, drawn up by order of the Royal Lustring Company, to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to his Lp's commands to lay before him a state of the company's stock, in respect to their looms and the persons they employed, with the increase the proposed to make, if they should obtain the encouragement they asked of her Majesty. On the company's first establishment their stock was 60,000*l.*, and in 1695 they employed not less than 507 English and other weavers, and there were 768 looms, as appeared by the accompanying list. Sets forth their losses and disappointments; the first of which was their being obliged to employ English weavers by the clamours of the people, who threatened their houses for bringing in Frenchmen to eat the bread out of their mouths, whereas in truth it was to bring them a trade. The Company's stock and looms were now reduced to about one-third of what they were, viz., 200 and some odd looms, and a proportionable number of people; but were the Company encouraged, they could employ 14,000 or 15,000 persons, who were in the utmost necessity for want of work. If the Company obtained Her Majesty's part of the forfeitures of alamodes and lutestrings, they could afford greater salaries to officers, &c. to prevent clandestine trade, &c. The Company hoped her Majesty would allow them for the remaining six years 2,400*l.* per ann., according to agreement formerly made with the Lords Justices. Presumed his Lp would think there was the same national policy in encouraging the silk manufactures as the woollen. Without encouragement in the manufacture of plain black silk, it must fall a sacrifice to the people of Lyons, who had a public stock on purpose to destroy the manufacture in England. If kept up it would be the Company's business to prevent a very destructive trade from Holland, where the Dutch had set up the making of all sorts of plain black silks, as *raz de gennes, peau de soys,* and plain black mantua, for which the Dutch were famous. They were willing to let others into the Company at the intrinsic value of the stock, without insisting on anything for their 22 years' trouble. Dated London, 7 Nov. 1711.

Also "a list of the names of the weavers and others workmen that are imployed by ye Royll Lustring Company." In all 507, some being employed at Ipswich. At the foot is:—"These are the names of the weavers that are now imployed by the Lustring Compa who have most of them wives, children & servants, besides a great number of winders and other persons that are imployed in making of looms, reeds, harnasses, quils, mills, risses, bobins, chittles, alsoe dyers, dressers, glozers, & other trades relating thereunto, soe that there is between 3 & 4,000 souls that gett their living by this manufactury, which is brought to great perfection. And the sd Lustring Compa have, according to their patent, from time to time delivered to the Lords of the Treasury an acct of their workmen, and the quantity of allamodes wrought by them." This was sworn to on 20 April 1695. It is marked A on the back. 7½ *pages.*

Nov. 8. 20. Report of the Comrs for licensing hawkers and pedlars to the Lord High Treasurer, as to their attendance at their office. Dated 8 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 9. 21. Similar report from the Excise Commissioners. Dated 9 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 10. 22. An account showing the sums issued to James Brydges, Esqre, either in money or tallies, out of funds for the year 1711, and the uses to which the same have been applied from the 4th of June 1711 to the 29th of September following; and from Michaelmas 1711 to 10 November following. 6½ *pages.*

Nov. 12. 23. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Shadwell, praying for a pension on the establishment there; advising a pension of 80*l.* per ann. on the military list. Dated Dublin Castle, 12 Nov. 1711.

Minuted:—"April 7th 1712. To be laid before the Queen."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 12. 24. Gurdon Sattonstall to the Lord High Treasurer. The miscarriage of the fleet under the command of Admiral Walker in the river of St Lawrence had obliged Lieut.-General Nicholson to return from his expedition against Canada. This had put the colonies bordering on Canada in the worst circumstances, and hazarded the going off of the nations in her Majesty's obedience to the French, and exposed our frontiers to the insults of the scalping party of the enemy. It had further induced these governments to address her Majesty to renew the expedition. One of the pilots engaged in the expedition belonged to Connecticut. He had been examined by the Assembly. His affidavit General Nicholson would bring over. This pilot and another would also be sent over, that her Majesty might have the manner of that misfortune truly stated, and in order that there might be pilots ready in case her Majesty should renew the expedition, by sending a fleet directly to Quebec, without touching at Boston as the last did. His Lordship would see the great advantage the reduction of the French Settlements in North America would be to the Crown. Dated Boston, Nov. 12, 1711. 3 *pages*.

Nov. 13. 25. Memorial from the Great Wardrobe as to what was due in that office to Michaelmas 1711. Dated 13 Nov. 1711. The amount due was upwards of 39,000*l*.

At the foot is:—"The tradesmen of the office are (as they say) under such difficultys for want of money, that they cannot proceed in their business until the Lord Trear is pleased to order their money so to doe; some of them haveing absolutely refused to give further creditt, pticularly ye laceman, whose business is greater in ye service now order'd, wch if not forthwith begun, 'twill be impossible to gett ye yeomen of the guards cloths ready agst her Matie's birthday. Tho. Dummer." 1 *page*.

Nov. 13. 26. "An account to what time the sevll regimts troops and compies under the care of the Rt Honble John Howe, Esqr, were last subsisted." Dated Pay Office, 13 Nov. 1711. 2 *pages*.

Nov. 13. 27. Henry Ferne to Christopher Tilson, Esq., respecting leave of absence given by the Lord High Treasurer to Mr Graydon, who was in bad health. He had come from Edinburgh, having left his cash in charge of his three clerks. Dated Custom House, 13 Nov. 1711. 1 *page, quarto*.

Nov. 13. 28. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a copy of a letter from the envoy of Portugal, desiring that 16 small parcels [for persons of quality at Lisbon] might be put on board the Lisbon packet boat. Dated Hampton Court, Nov. 13, 1711.

The letter (*French*). 2 *pages*.

Nov. 15. 29. North Britain. An account of tobacco imported and exported from the 1st day of May 1707 to the 20th of September 1711. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 15 November 1711. Signed, "Jon Crookshanks, Comptroller-Genl." 1 *page*.

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Nov. 15. 30. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer. Send a state of the charges upon the Post Office at several periods, and an abstract of the gross produce of the revenue in those years. As the letters increased there was a necessity of increase of officers. The packet boats, which in time of peace were but a small charge, by the war had become a great burthen, and added to their trouble. Their salaries were but 1,000*l.* each, whereas Mr Frowd, when Governor of the Post Office, had 1,500*l.* per ann.; and at the same time 1,000*l.* per ann. was paid to the Postmaster General. Sir John Wildman, when Postmaster General, had 1,500*l.* per ann. Dated General Post Office, 15 Nov. 1711.

The enclosures are not with it. 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 31. G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Brydges as to the state of distress in which the garrison of Gibraltar was, from want of necessaries, all pay at Lisbon on this account being stopped, and no regulation or establishment made for the same. Had consulted Major General Elliot, the late Governor, whose opinion he gives in one column and his own remarks in another. Dated 15 Nov. 1711. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 32. An account of tallies remaining in the hands of James Brydges, Esq., in August 1710, for the service of the said year, as adjusted upon the alteration of the Treasury. Dated 17 Nov. 1711. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 7 or 18. 33. Extract of a letter from Mr Stanyan to the Earl of Dartmouth, as to his allowance as plenipotentiary, commencing from his arrival at Milan, and also as to his extraordinaries. Dated Berne, 18 Nov. 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 19. 34. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses an extract of a letter from Mr Stanian of 14 Nov., relating to the arrears of his allowance, the consideration whereof her Majesty referred to the Lord Treasurer. Dated Hampton Court, 19 Nov. 1711.

The extract referred to. Says it was impossible for him to obey the Queen's commands by setting out for Milan till a sufficient sum was appointed to pay his debts, and that less than 2,000*l.* would not suffice. 3 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 19. 35. Report of Mr J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Col. Edmund Fielding for subsistence of his men at Exeter and Greenwich. Their subsistence amounted to 979*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* to 23 Oct. last, and would amount to 870*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* more to the 22 Dec. Dated Pay Office, 19 Nov. 1711.

The memorial.

Minuted :—"Mr Brydges to set forth the reasons why the offrs & private men were kept on foot after ye regt was broke." 2¼ *pages.*

Nov. 19. 36. Draught of an establishment for the garrison and castle of St Philip of Mahon. Signed G. Granville. Dated Whitehall, 19 Nov. 1711. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 19. 37. Similar draught for Gibraltar. Same date. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 20. 38. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. Send, for the Ld High Treasurer's information, an account of what bills had been made out for beer to Mr Ridge in each year, from 1707 to 1711, as well as for casks. Dated Victualling Office, 20 Nov. 1711.

The two accounts. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 39. "The present state of the Palatines in Ireland this 21 of Novr 1711." There were 312 families, consisting of 1,218 persons. Of the 24,000*l.* granted by her Majesty, 4,878*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* remained undisposed of, and it was computed it would last for a year and a quarter. Dated 21 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 21. 40. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer. Had examined the account of Michael Studholme, Esq., for mending the road in Hyde Park; the prices were reasonable. Also his bills of some other disbursements for mending her Majesty's ways to the parks, and keeping in repair her Majesty's private road between Hockerell and Stanstead in the way to Newmarket, &c. Dated 21 9ber 1711.

Minuted:—"2 June 1712. The arle abt Pigot to be further explained. My Lord agrees to the rest." 1 *page.*

Nov. 22. 41. Similar report on Mr Vernattye's bills for repairing, lighting, &c. the lamps at Westminster for the accommodation of both Houses of Parliament; approving the same. Dated 22 9ber 1711.

Minuted:—"Read 14th Apr. 1712. See how much of this demand ought to be born by the inhabitants of Cannon Row," &c. 1 *page.*

Nov. 22. 42. Report of the Comrs of Customs (Scotland) on the petition of Mr Walter Stewart as to the discharge of a ship without airing, on the allegation that she came from no infectious place; advising the unloading the same. Dated Edinburgh, 22 Nov. 1711.

The petition referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 23. 43. Memorial of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lord High Treasurer. Lay before his Lp some reasons for a prosecution in the Court of Exchequer against George Granville, Esq., executor to Sir Bevil Granville, some time since Governor of Barbadoes, on account of prizes; and also what proceedings have been in the said court thereupon. Now ask his Lp's further directions. Dated Prize Office, 23 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 44. A. Swift to William Lowndes, Esq. Begs his interest with the Lord High Treasurer for the marine regiments, who were reduced to great extremities and their credit lost. Some of them had 200 miles to march after long voyages to head quarters without money or credit. Dated 24 Nov. 1711. 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 26. 45. Report of [Comrs for duties] on hides, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer. Had been instructed to reconsider in their report what related to the receipt of the remainder of that year's land tax and duties on houses in the co. of Kent, and all arrears thereof, &c. Now represented that they had before fully considered that matter, and had observed that the executors of M^{r} Fauset and the sureties had in their hands at least 13,000*l.*, part of the money due from M^{r} Fauset, &c. Saw no objection to M^{r} Weldon and M^{r} Bathurst receiving those arrears. Dated Office of Hides, &c., Nov. 26, 1711.

Six other papers relating to the same matters. 7 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 46. "An account to what day each regiment, troop, and company under the care of the R^{t} Hono^{ble} John Howe, Esq^{re}, is cleared, how far their subsistence has been ordered, and to what time they have been actually paid." Dated Pay Office, 26 Nov. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 47. Certificate of the Earl of Halifax of the sums issued at the receipt of the Exchequer to the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster of the forces acting with the allies, out of the supplies granted by Parliament for the year 1711. Dated 26 Nov. 1711. 2 *large pages.*

Nov. 27. 48. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. Enclose a list of foreign bills of exchange accepted by them and remaining unpaid, amounting to 67,538*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, and others not accepted, amounting to 25,164*l.* 16*s.* 10½*d.*; pray for money to be ordered: also for 3,000*l*, to be ordered for inland bills. Dated Victualling Office, 27 Nov. 1711.

The list referred to. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 27. 49. The same to the same on the petition of M^{r} Jeremiah Kelley, brewer at Deal, relating to beer supplied to her Majesty's ships in the Downs. The same date. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 27. 50. Representation of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., that a warrant would be necessary for passing free, the letters of several public officers and members of Parliament. Many indirect practices had been committed by booksellers, &c., indorsing letters and newspapers with the names of members of Parliament, &c., to the prejudice of the revenue. Annexed a draft of a warrant for his L$^{p's}$ approval. Dated General Post Office, 27 Nov. 1711.

The draft mentioned. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 51. Memorial of James Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, asking to be enabled to give directions to M^{r} Morice for payment for the provisions furnished to the troops to embark from Lisbon to Gibraltar. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 28 Nov. 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 52. Report of the [Auditors of Imprests] (Harley and Maynwaring) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of M^{r} Addison and M^{r} Elder, two of the late Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded. Recommend certain allowances to them for services after the expiration of their commission; also for their secretary M^{r} Garrard. Dated 28 Nov. 1711.

Minuted:—"Agreed according to the report." 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 29. 53. G. Granville to the R^{t} Hon. John Howe, Esq. Asks him to apply to the L^{d} High Treasurer to pay the subsistence money to the regiments, as they were suffering very much from the desertion of the men, especially at Hull. Dated Whitehall, 29 Nov. 1711.

Copy of letter from L^t^ Col. Norcliffe from Hull on the same subject. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 29. 54. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Lord Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer. Proposes the payment of 100*l.* per ann. as salary for the fourth engineer to that kingdom. Dated Dublin, 29 Nov. 1711.

Minuted:—"To be considered when a new establishm^t^ is made." 1 *page.*

Nov. 30. 55. Debt of the Office of Ordnance to the 30th November 1711. 1 *page.*

Nov. 30. 56. "Abstract of the indenture for vesting her Ma^t's^ tyn in trustees to secure the repayment of the loans thereon." Dated on or about 30 Nov. 1711. 2½ *pages.*

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Dec. 1. 1. Copy of memorial of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer. Lay before his Lordship the condition of the office and the insurportable hardships of the artificers. They knew not where to fly for relief but to his Lordship. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 1 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 2. P. Silvestre to M^r^ Lewis. Begs him to move the Lord High Treasurer as to what was due to the Southampton men. Is out of pocket 25*l.* to M^r^ Jaquea which was paid by directions. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 1 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 3. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of the Virginia and Maryland merchants, relating to bonds for the duties on tobacco. Dated 3 Dec. 1711.

The petition referred to, with signatures.

Minuted:—"An extract of that part to be sent to the merchants w^ch^ immediately concerns them." 3 *pages.*

[Before Dec. 3.] 4. Representation of the Directors of the Bank of England to the Lord High Treasurer. Since the undertaking by the Directors to make all Exchequer bills specie, they found that some public offices which ought to cultivate a good understanding with the Bank, from the frequent services done them, nevertheless kept their cash with others, and not at the Bank, and that the greatest part of the receivers transacted their affairs in other places. Asked his Lordship to give effectual directions in these affairs.

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Minuted :—"Send this to C. of Taxes wth direction when they next attend to informe my Lord (if they can) why the rest of the rec^{rs} do not comply."

Again :—"3 X^{br} 1711. The Comm^{rs} will exhort the rec^{rs} w^{ch} is all that can be done, since they & their security are answerable for all failures."

There is also a brief list of "Receivers corresponding with the Bank." 2 *pages.*

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVII., p. 121 (22 Jan. 1711–12), on this subject is :—"The Trear̃er of the Navy and the Governour & Directors of the Bank are called in. They complain of their ill condition to serve the publique, by reason very few of the Rec^{rs}, Paymasters, or others having the publique money, negotiate their affairs with them. My Lord says they shall have all reasonable assistance from him, so as this may be regulated to their satisfaction, and that in appointing new receivers he will have a special regard to the matter of their complaint. His Lord̃p hopes they will agree to the lending of 100,000$^{li.}$ to the Trear̃er of the Navy, on a deposit of tallys and orders in his hands. They shall have a court on Thursday next; will lay it before them, and waite on his Lord̃p with an answer."

[After Dec. 3.] 5. "Answers given by the colonels of sev^{l} regim^{ts} in Spain touching the want of cloths and arms for their regiments."

The last entry is Dec. 3, 1711. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 6. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer relating to a discount to be allowed the Bank upon land tax tallies accepted by them in repayment of money advanced. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 4 Dec. 1711.

Minuted :—"To be read when the Bank come." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 7. Memorial of the same to the same for a sufficient voucher for paying 207,000 guilders on account of forage. Same date. 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 8. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose an estimate of the charge of their office for land service for the year 1712. Remind his Lp. of the enclosed memorial relating to Barbadoes previously sent. Dated Office of Ordnance, 4 Dec. 1711.

The papers mentioned. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 5. 9. G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on General Lumley's memorial for liveries for his kettle drummer and trumpeters. Dated Whitehall, 5 Dec. 1711. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 10. "An accompt of all the moneys that have been issued to the Hon^{ble} James Brydges, Esq., out of the funds of this year 1711 for the service of Spain." Dated 6 Dec. 1711. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 11. Sir Roger Mostyn's memorial [to the Lord High Treasurer] for subsistence of the marines. There would be due to the six regiments on the 24th inst., on the head of subsistence,

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44,418*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Prays for 20,000*l.* on account. Dated Pay Office, 6 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"6 Dec^{r} 1711. 3,000^{li} a week till further orders. The musters to be hastend." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 12. "Postmaster General's memorial [to the same] for a warrant to pay to Mr. Dummer the sum of 3,000*l.* for the quarter due 25th July 1711, on the acco^{t} of his West India contract." Dated General Post Office, 6 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"4 Jan^{ry} 1711. Postm^{rs} to take the Attorney Gen$^{l's}$ opinion hereupon. Lrẽ writ." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8. 13. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Harley. Send an account of bills made out for beer to Mr. James Dixon and partner from 1 Oct. 1707 to 30 Sept. 1701. Dated 8 Dec. 1711.

The account referred to, and two other papers. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 14. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded, &c. to Mr. Secretary Harley, as to the claims of M^{r} William Slaughter, their Marshal for prisoners at war at Plymouth. Others had an equal claim on the same account. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 8 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"Ansr. ret. 19 Xber 1711." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 11. 15. M^{r} Brydges's memorial [to the Lord High Treasurer] relating to a remittance for completing the service in Portugal, from 24th August 1711 to the 23d of December following. Dated 11 Dec. 1711.

Enclosed is a "State of what money may be wanting" for that purpose. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 16. Memorial of the same for directions as to the manner in which he should apply the 15,000*l.* remitted in M^{r} Milner's bills of exchange payable in Lisbon to services of the war in Portugal. Dated 11 Dec. 1711.

Letter of M^{r} Milner to M^{r} Brydges as to these bills. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 17. Copies of clauses in the Act for sale of the forfeited estates in Ireland, and vesting such as remained unsold in her Majesty, with some queries thereon answered by the Attorney and Solicitor General of Ireland. 11 Dec. 1711. 4¼ *pages.*

Dec. 11. 18. Letter of Sir R. Cotton to M^{r} Sherwood at his house in Essex Street, near the Middle Temple, London. Dated Hatley S^{t} George, Dec. 11, 1711.

Docquetted:—"Sir R. Cotton, when M^{r} Evelyn was put into the Post Office, was promised 500^{li} p ann. out of his salary & not a pencõn any other way, and M^{r} Evelyn has paid it to him to Mids^{r} 1711, the time ab^{t} w^{ch} the late Post Office was determined by a new Act of Parl^{t} then lately passed. What S^{r} Robert now is seeking, is to have lrẽs pat̃s for a pencõn of 500^{li} p ann. out of the post off. or in such other manner as the Queen shall direct." 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 19. Report of M^{r} Auditor Harley to the L^{d} High Treasurer on the state of the account of Lieut.-Col. John Arnot, as paymaster of the forces upon the late expedition to Canada. Dated 12 Dec. 1711. 10 *pages.*

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Dec. 12. 20. Memorial of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of various officers "en second." Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 12 Dec. 1711. 1 *page*.

Dec. 12. 21. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of several colonels in the expedition under Brigadier Hill, when they met with their misfortune in the River St. Lawrence; praying that their regiments might be allowed as complete. It seemed the better way to enable them to recruit. Dated 12 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"To be sent to Mr Brydges to stay the respits."

The memorial referred to. 3 *pages*.

Dec. 13. 22. Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to Thomas Harley, Esq., Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Had not yet received complete returns from the ports, of the foreign salt imported before the Union, but fearing to incur censure they sent an imperfect return. They would make a perfect report of the whole matter as soon as the returns came. Dated Edinburgh, 13 Dec. 1711.

The return mentioned. 2 *pages*.

Dec. 13. 23. "State of the payments and remains as to the public service, anno 1711." Various papers so entitled, drawn up weekly between July and December. The payments are for Army, Navy, and Ordnance. The last is dated 13 Dec. 1711. 37 *pages*.

Dec. 13. 24. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., laying before my Lord Treasurer extracts of Mr Chetwynd's letters of the 20th and 27th of Sept. and 4th of Octr 1711.

The extracts include:—"A note of the bills drawn upon the Honble James Brydges, Esq., by Wm Chetwynd, Esq., on acct of the corn contracts. The corn was delivered at Barcelona."

Dated Pay Office, 13 Dec. 1711. 4½ *pages*.

Dec. 13. 25. Lords of the Admiralty to the Earl of Dartmouth. They had not felt at liberty to apply the provisions purchased with naval money, to the victualling of land forces in garrison, nor to the supply of the garrison at Gibraltar. Desired to receive her Majesty's pleasure therein. Should not be justified in continuing their orders to Sir John Jennings for so doing. Unless something were done the garrison would not only be in great danger of starving, but the place itself of falling into the hands of the enemy. Dated Admiralty Office, 13 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages*.

Dec. 14. 26. Report of Mr James Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the bills drawn for the prisoners in Spain. Dated Pay Office, 14 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages*.

Dec. 14. 27. Memorial of the same to the [same] for directions as to the application of the 50,000*l*. on account of the extraordinaries of the foreign troops in the service of her Majesty and that of the States General in the Low Countries. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, Dec. 14, 1711. 1 *page*.

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Dec. 14. 28. G. Granville to M^r Harley. Respecting the clothing of the troops in Spain and Portugal. Encloses a previous memorial. Dated Whitehall, 14 Dec. 1711.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 29. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on a letter of one Thomas Huntley, concerning frauds connected with timber used in building S^t Paul's Church by M^r Jennings, late master carpenter there. He complains that he is confined on board H.M. ship the "Raven" in the Downs for offering to do the nation a service. The Attorney General suggests that to prevent clamour, he should be sent for and the allegation examined into. Dated 14 Dec. 1711. 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 30. William Draper to the Lord High Treasurer. By direction of the Com^{rs} of Greenwich Hospital, lays the accompanying letter before his Lordship. Dated 14 Dec. 1711.

The letter of the Com^{rs}, asking for tallies to be issued to the treasurer of the Hospital, that on the credit of them the buildings and church might progress. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 31. Report of M^r Baron Scrope to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Conceived that Lord Leven's proposal of having a few places appointed for ships to perform quarantine in Scotland would contribute much to the ease of the officers having the care of that service. Dated 15 Dec. 1711.

Minuted :—"19 Xber, Lord Leven's lre enclosed to Com^{rs} Cust., and they to advise with his Lordp." 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 32. Memorial from the Com^{rs} of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer for 400*l.* per ann. to be paid for the incidents of the office. Dated Whitehall, 17 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 33. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer for directions as to 37,804*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* to be paid in England to complete the agents' demands for subsistence, &c. of regiments in Spain and Portugal. Dated Pay Office, 17 Dec. 1711.

Minuted :—"19 Xber 1711. Ordered 18,000$^{li.}$"

A state of the demands. 3 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 17.] 34. Memorial of Sir [William Gifford], Governor of Greenwich Hospital and Ranger of the Park, to the Lord High Treasurer. Giving an estimate of various expenses for repairs, &c. about the park, and of the Queen's house in the park. The Hospital had already been at a great expense to make the lower floor of this house habitable, and would be very glad to take upon them the further charge of securing the whole, were the house and park annexed to the Hospital as the Queen and his late Royal Highness once intended. If this were still her Majesty's pleasure, these charges would be taken off from the Civil List.

Minuted :—"17 Xber 1711. To be considered." 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 35. Report of M^r Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the reasons why the non-commissioned officers and 25 private men of

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Col. Feilding's regiment had been kept on foot, after the regiment was reduced, by incorporating the private men into several other regiments in Portugal. It had been the practice upon reducing regiments abroad, and incorporating their men into other corps, to keep the non-commissioned officers on foot in the regiments so reduced, to enable them to recruit, &c. Dated Pay Office, 18 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—" 11 Jan. $17\frac{11}{12}$. To M^{r} Brydges to propose out of w^{t} money this paym^{t} should be made.

" To M^{r} Southwell to know how many reg^{ts} are wanting in Ireland to make up ye establ. of that kingd^{o}." 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 36. G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Brigadiers Grove and Freke, as to their being inserted in the warrant intended for the pay of the general officers in Flanders for the year 1711. Dated Whitehall, 18 Dec. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 18. 37. Report of P. Meadows and Ja. Bruce, Controllers, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of James Bridges, Esq., relating to the accounts of the regiments which were taken prisoners at the battle of Almanza in Spain, 14 April 1707, and of the Marquis de Montandre's regiment taken about a month before that battle. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 18 Dec. 1711.

The memorial named. 6 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 38. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer on a copy of a letter of Mr. Chetwynd, the Queen's envoy at Genoa, relating to the charge of transporting the German recruits to Barcelona. Dated Whitehall, 18 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—" 19 Xber 1711. Read."

The copy mentioned. 3¼ *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 18. 39. The same to the same. Refers an enclosed memorial from M^{r} Stanian for his allowance as plenipotentiary to commence from the date of his commission. Dated as above.

The memorial.

Minuted:—" My Lord will pay him by way of advance, but cannot allow him from the date of his comm^{n} for precedent sake, and y^{e} secr̃y to agree w^{t} adv^{a} may reasonably be made." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 18. 40. The same to the same. Sends an extract of a letter from M^{r} Chetwynd, her Majesty's envoy at the court of Savoy, relating to the arrears of subsidies due to his Royal Highness [the Duke of Savoy]. Dated 18 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—" 19 Xber 1711. Read."

The extract. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 18. 41. The same to the same. Sending another memorial of Mr. Chetwynd, desiring an allowance of 900*l.* for his extraordinary charges in the last campaign, the consideration whereof her Majesty referred to his Lordship. Same date.

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Minuted:—" My Lord says Mr Chetwynd had orders not to make ye campaigne. Signifie this to Ea. Dartmouth."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 18. 42. Report of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the ministers of Denmark and Prussia for the money due to their respective masters. Dated Pay Office, 18 Dec. 1711. 7½ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 43. " Navy Office, 19 December 1711. An estimate of the debt of her Mat's Navy on the heads hereafter mentioned, as it stood on the 30th of September last, with what thereof has and will be satisfy'd by the South Sea stock, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament on that behalf, and what remained of the said debt on the said 30th of September to be discharg'd." 4 *large pages.*

Dec. 19. 44. A state of the subsidies payable to the Duke of Savoy for the year 1711.

Minuted:—" 19 Xbr 1711. To be considered on Fryday." 1 *page.*

Dec. 19. 45. Mr. H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Asked his Lordship to order a state to be transmitted of all debts due to her Majesty from any of the allies (for which it might be proper her Ministers at the Congress should make a demand), that instructions might be prepared for the plenipotentiaries. Dated Whitehall, 19 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—" Lr̃es to the publiq, offices accordingly; [viz., to:—]

Mr. Brydges. Victualling.
Mr. Cardonell. Transports.
Office Ordnance. Audrs Imprests."—1 *page, quarto.*
Navy Office.

[This return was ordered by Minute of the same day, see *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 109.]

Dec. 20. 46. Mr Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Considerable sums were due to the marine regiments. Sends letters received from Lieut.-General Holt, Col. Bor, and Lieut.-Col. Burston, of Major-General Willis's regiment, to be laid before the Ld High Treasurer, for money to reimburse the officers what they had expended of their private fortunes, &c. Dated Admiralty Office, 20 Dec. 1711.

The letters named. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 21. 47. Ad. Cardonnel to Mr Harley, concerning debts owing to England by the allies. Knew of none except what might be owing from the States General for a moiety of the extraordinaries paid to the four English battalions upon the establishment of the first 20,000 men of augmentation. Dated Westminster, 21 Dec. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 22. 48. Report of the Comrs for Hides, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, as to some ill-practices of which the collector or surveyor for the duties on houses for Dolphin and Rood precincts in Tower Ward, was supposed to be guilty. Had ordered the surveyors to bring in their books, which had been sealed up for examination. Recommending the appointment of Mr Benjamin Boyden, who had already discovered some of these irregularities, as a surveyor of these duties at 60*l.* per ann. Dated 22 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"Appointed a genll survr."

Letter from Benj. Boyden thereon. 2½ *pages.*

—Dec. 22. 49. "Mr John Wight's and Collo Bland's demands for stoppages from Lieut.-Genl Harvey's regiments of horse from the 22th Decr 1710 to ye 22 Dec. 1711, amounting to 3,207*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*" 2 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 50. "An abstract of what remains to compleat the neat off-reckonings of her Majesty's subject troops borne upon the establishments or estimates of Parliament for Flanders, Spaine, and Portugal, from the respective times to which the same hath been already directed or paid, unto the 22d of Decemr 1711 incl." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 51. Estimates, &c. for carrying on the service under Mr Brydges' care for the year ending 22 Dec. 1712, viz., in Spain, Portugal, and Gibraltar. 3 *papers,* 5½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 52. Lord Shrewsbury to the Lord High Treasurer. Desires his Lordship to order 400*l.* to be paid to the Master of the Ceremonies, to be presented from her Majesty to Mons. Buis, Envoy Extraordinary from the States of Holland, who was upon his departure. Dated Cockpit, 24 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"Paid." 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 53. "Navy Office, 25 December 1711. } An account of stores supplyed to severall ships belonging to the States General out of her Majesty's magazines, & of pylotage & other services performed for the ships of Holland, wch have not yet been paid for." 9 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 54. "A list of the offices of the Customs that have been created or erected by grant, patent, and warrant, since the 25th of October 1705, and to whom made, and also a list of the officers that enjoy the same at present." Dated 25 Dec. 1711.

It shows also their salaries. 2 *pages.*

[After Dec. 25.] 55. Memorial from the officers employed under the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., together with the Apothecary's Company and others, addressed to the Comrs, praying them to lay their (the officers', &c.) hardships before the Lord High Treasurer, and for an allowance of discount. They had served the Board at the lowest rates for ready money, but their debt was to be paid in South Sea stock without interest. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 27. 56. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses, by her Majesty's command, the petition of Mr Francis Herbert, sheriff of Montgomery, for his Lordship's report thereon. Dated Whitehall, 27 Dec. 1711.

Minuted:—"12 Feb. 17$\frac{11}{12}$. To the Aud^{r} to certifye how this stands before him."

The petition referred to.

It was for the remission of a fine of 200*l.* imposed upon the petitioner by Sir Joseph Jekyl, Chief Justice of that circuit, for absenting himself from the assizes for fear of the small-pox. The petitioner apprehended that Sir Joseph Jekyl's displeasure arose from a sermon preached before him, in which the power of the royal prerogative was advanced further than was agreeable to his sentiments; for after the imposition of the fine, he (the judge) turned to a gentleman near him on the bench and said he would teach the petitioner to put up such a parson. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 28. 57. The same to the same. Encloses copy of letter received from M^{r} Stanyan, representing the pressing necessity he had for money. Dated 28 Dec. 1711.

The letter referred to.

At the earnest request of the Duke of Savoy had accepted money until he (M^{r} Stanyan) had it to repay from the Treasury, in order that he might set out for Milan. Was ashamed to take money of any Prince but the Queen, lest the Imperial minister should have notice that the Duke of Savoy advanced money to him for this service and put an ill construction upon it, as if it were a present. His Royal Highness desired it might not be known, and he (M^{r} Stanyan) was persuaded his Lordship would think it proper to be kept secret. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 28. 58. W. Whiting, "wine merchant at Collidghill," to William Lowndes, Esq. Proposes a duty of excise on orchell, which was formerly imported from Holland, but recently manufactured in London. Dated London, 28 X^{r} 1711. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 28. 59. "An acco^{t} of what moneys have been paid into the receipt of the Exchequer upon fonds granted the last session of Parliament." Dated 28 Dec. 1711. 1 *page.*

Dec. 28. 60. Report of G. Granville to the Lord High Treasurer, "concerning recruiting the army." Dated Whitehall, 28 Dec. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 61. "An estimate of the charge of victualling on the last declaration compared with the charge on the prices given for provisions at London between 1st 8^{ber} & 31 December 1711." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 62. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a proposal by the Admiralty that certain amounts of wine should be allowed to flag officers and commanders of her Majesty's ships. By law the same customs and prohibitions extended to all wines imported in ships of war as well as merchants ships, but the duties were not demanded for the stores of her Majesty's ships, when they waited sailing orders. Were of opinion that the proposal could not be granted but by Act of Parliament. Dated 31 Dec. 1711.

Also copies of three of their previous presentments. 9 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

[? Dec.] 63. "Answers from the several regiments in Flanders what non-effective money remains in the hands of the colonels or their agents." 5 *pages*.

VOL. CXLI. 1711. (PART I.)

FOR THE YEAR 1711.

1. Three papers entitled:—
   (1.) Heads of an establishment of the 40,000 men in Flanders.
   (2.) Heads of an establishment for guards and garrisons.
   (3.) Heads of an establishment for the 20,000 men, troops of Augmentation and other additional forces in Flanders.

All for the year 1711. 6 *pages*.

2. "Coalheavers' petition 1711." A petition so docquetted, addressed to the House of Commons by the labourers, called coalheavers, in and about the city of London; praying to be allowed to form themselves into gangs, and choose their own undertaker to each gang, as they used to do, &c. They complained that certain persons in the last few years had made themselves undertakers, and had agreed with the masters of colliers or crimps to unload the ships, and oppressed them in various ways; they kept public-houses, and stopped out of each man's pay 6*d*. a day for drink, whether they could go to drink it or not, and they kept a gallon of brandy on board the ship, which they (the coalheavers) were compelled to have. They were so impoverished by these undertakers that their families were obliged to be maintained by the parishes. 4 *pages*

3. Memorial of Captain Michael FitzGerald, late of Count Taaff's regiment in Spain, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Quitted a captain's post in the French King's service in 1704, and came over to her Majesty's allies and continued five years in Catalonia in the Queen's pay. Prayed for the remainder of his pay, and for the same provision as the rest of the Irish Roman Catholic officers should receive. ? 1711. 1 *page*.

4. Petition of Sir Alexander Cuming, Bart., to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Her Majesty had granted him, by commission under the Great Seal of Scotland, the office of Conservator and Resident, but the grant was set aside by an appeal from Sir Andrew

1711.

Kennedy: Prayed for his salary and expenses. The office concerned the trade and traffic of the nation and public treaties with foreign states. 1711. 1 *page.*

5. "Extraordinaries voted anno 1711." 1 *page.*

6. "For the year 1711. The sums voted or enacted for acco^t of publique services in the session of Parliament begun 25 November 1710 and ended 12th June 1711," &c. Also the value of the grants as estimated by Parliament. 2 *large pages.*

7. "A list of the general and staff offrs belonging to the forces in Portugal, with an acco^t where they now are." ? 1710 or 1711. 1 *page.*

8. "An abstract of the state of the guards and garrisons in Great Britain according to the last muster rolls returned to the Commissary's office, taken after their reducement; as also of the present number of the twelve invalid companys, and the respective places where they do their duty." ? 1711 or 1712.

[Earl of Strafford mentioned who was created Earl 4 Sept. 1711, &c.] 3 *pages.*

9. "Stock in the South Sea Company for the use of ye publick;" also "to what uses the same hath from time to time been issued and apply'd." 1¼ *pages.*

10. Statement of the distribution of the 12,000*l.* lately remitted for the service of the garrison of Gibraltar. A.D. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

11. "Abstract of the charter of the Governour and Company of the Merchants of Great Britain, trading to the South Seas and other parts of America, and for encouraging the fishery." A printed paper of 8 pages so entitled.

12. "Directions of several sums in part of 1,500,000*l.* for the service of Spaine and Portugal anno 1711, out of the fonds granted for the service of that year." [A draft.] 3½ *pages.*

13. "An acco^t of payments made for the service of the forces in Spain & Portugal out of the sum of 1,500,000*l.* granted for that service for the year 1711." 4 *pages.*

14. Other "payments made in England for the service of the forces in Spain and Portugal anno 1711, in part of 1,500,000li granted for that service." 4 *pages.*

Duplicate of the above, with some additional matter. 4 *large pages.*

15. "Draft of a privy seal for applying, disposing, and accounting for South Sea Stock for tallys & orders regred on an act 8° Annæ."

With this note at the foot:—"I approve of this draft. Edw. Northey." 10 *pages.*

16. Memorial of Charles Stanley, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford) to be appointed a riding surveyor in Kent, Devonshire, or Cornwall, to prevent the running or smuggling of wool. 1 *page.*

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17. Four paper-covered books containing accounts of sums directed by the Lords of the Treasury and the present Ld High Treasurer to be issued to James Brydges, Esq., paymaster general of the forces: (1) for subsidies to the allies; (2) for the forces in Flanders; (3) for extraordinary charges of the war; and (4) for the service of the war in Spain and Portugal; out of the funds granted in the last sessions of Parliament. The date to which the accounts were made up is not shown, but it was in 1711.
Another similar book, wanting the first page.

18. Memorial of Major-General Elliot to the Lord High Treasurer. When he was Governor of Gibraltar (it being a frontier garrison and blocked up by the enemy) he was at great expense for contingencies, which were in part reimbursed to him: prays for the arrears, 694*l.* 9*s.* Signed R. Elliott. ? 1711 or 1712. 1 *page.*

19. "An account of half-pay for military officers that have served in the traynes of artillery in Flanders, Spain, & on several expeditions, with what allowances they have on the establishments in the Office of Ordnance and what will be required to compleat their half-pay." ? 1711. 2 *pages.*

20. "Instructions to ——— for stating the broken accots of sevl regts lately returned from Spain." ? 1711. 7½ *pages.*

21. "A state shewing what forces have been from time to time supplyed by the Queen for the service in Flanders since the beginning of the war." 1701–1711.
Similar state of those supplied by the States General for the same service. 4 *pages.*

22. "Some further proposalls humbly offered to ye consideration of ye Right Honble ye Earle of Oxford, Lord High Treasurer of Great Britaine & ye Honble ye house of Commons ye next sessions of parliament by Ephraim Parker, at Three Mariners Stairs, on Rotherhithe Wall."
Taxes were proposed by him to be laid on ships, and on commanders of the same, on casks, bricks, tiles, &c., and on officers employed in arresting persons for debt. 1711. 5 *large pages.*

23. A state of the savings upon the establishment of guards and garrisons for the year 1711. 1½ *pages.*

24. "An accot of the reasons of the great difference between the demand for the hospital and out-pensioners for the year 1710 & the year 1711." [? Chelsea Hospital.] 2 *pages.*

VOL. CXLII. 1711. (PART II.)

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1. "An accompt of the sum voted by parliament for guards, garrisons, &c. for the service of the year 1711, and for extraordinary services of the warr for the preceding year, with the sum which has been received in part thereof, what sums may be applyed in further part, and the sum which will be wanting to compleat the same." 1 *page.*

2. Account of the sums issued to the Treasurer of the Navy out of funds for the year 1711. 1½ *pages.*

3. A state of the subsidies annually granted by Parliament and payable to foreign princes pursuant to the respective treaties, from the commencement of the present war, viz., 1701–1711. 1 *large page.*

4. "A state showing how much the charge of the war in Spain doth amount to for the year 1711, what money hath been paid upon each head of service, and how much is wanting to pay up the same." 1 *large page.*

5. "An accompt of some extraordinary charges of the war not yet provided for by Parliament, as far as they have been hitherto adjusted." 4½ *pages.*

6. An abstract of the tallies struck upon the land tax and on malt, 1711, for Mr Brydges's office. 1 *page, quarto.*

7. Breviate of the bill for establishing a post office for England, Scotland, and all other her Majesty's dominions, and for settling a weekly payment out of the revenues thereof, to raise a sum of money to carry on the war, and for other public service. ? 1711. 14 *pages.* [*Some of it scored out and otherwise corrected.*]

8. Three other papers relating to legislation upon the post office. Undated, but the Post Office affairs were then under consideration. See *Annals of Queen Anne's reign*, 1711, p. 313. 3 *pages.*

9. "The case of Sr Henry Furnesse, concerning the adjustmt of his accounts of remittances for Holland." After 1710. 1½ *pages.*

10. Representation by the Directors of the Bank of England to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the payment of the annuity of 8,000*l.* to them, payable by Act of the last session for circulating a further sum in Exchequer bills. ? Between 1711 and 1714. 1 *page.*

11. Petition of the commanders of the packet boats between Harwich and Holland to the Ld High Treasurer (Oxford), praying for the appointment of two men more to each boat. Between 1711 and 1714. 1 *page.*

12. Petition signed by order of the Court of Directors of the South Sea Company, by Amb[rose] Crowley, addressed to the Ld

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Treasurer. The General Court of that Company ordered a dividend of 3 per cent., and the Court having paid for sundry goods for carrying on its trade, the money remaining will not be sufficient to pay the dividend by about 22,000*l.*: prays his Lordship will give directions to the treasurers and paymasters therein named to suspend receiving the dividend due on the public stock in this Company, or so much as may amount to that sum. Between 1711 and 1714. 1 *page.*

13. Memorial of Joseph Paice and Charles Lodwik, merchants of New York, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford), concerning the payment of the bills of exchange drawn by John Nanfan, Esq., late Lieut.-Governor of New York, on account of the subsistence of the four companies in that province during his government. [Between 1711 and 1714.]

Memorial of John Champante on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

14. Memorial of Major Hubert Jennings to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Came over from the French army on the faith of her Majesty's proclamation published in Portugal in 1704. This was well known to Capt^{n} Coudell who was the first that came over. Was reduced to the last extremity, and asked for favour and protection. Between 1711 and 1714. 1 *page.*

15. Memorial of Thomas Erle, Esq^{re}, General of the foot and Governor of Portsmouth, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford), praying to be favoured with a warrant for 180*l*,, the balance of the account of Sir John Gibsone, Kn^{t}, Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth, in accordance with Sir John's petition annexed. Between 1711 and 1714.

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

16. "A state of the matter concerning six regiments of foot which were demanded for doubly, in the year 1707." The regiments served in Flanders and Spain. ? 1711 or 1712. 2 *pages.*

17. "An abstract of the charge of provisions furnished by the Com^{rs} for Victualling her Ma$^{t's}$ navy, to land forces, and garrisons, &c., since Michaelmas 1710, together with what money has been reveived by the Treasurer of her Ma$^{t's}$ navy towards reimbursing the said expense." ? 1711. 1 *page.*

18. Memorial from Lord Tullibardine to ———. Desires that M^{r} Alex^{r} Murray may be Rec^{r} General of Excise, or have one of the best collections of the Customs in Scotland. Perhaps 1711 or 1712. 1 *page.*

19. Charges exhibited against M^{r} William Churchill for mismanagement in the transportation of prisoners, with his answers thereto. He had been employed in the sick and wounded department, and was charged with having had a partnership in the contracts. At the end is:—"An estimate of the saveings by W^{m} Churchill in the sick and wounded office and exchange of prisoners." ? 1711. 15½ *pages.*

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20. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford) from Edward Stables, clerk assistant, John Hookes, George Cole, James Courthop, and Hicks Burrough, the four clerks attending committees and other public services of the House of Commons, for consideration of their services. ? 1711 or 1712. 1 *page.*

21. Original letters of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Secretaries of the Treasury or the Treasurer of the Navy, as to contracts for hemp, &c. Dated between Jan. 1710–11 and Dec. 1711.

22. Papers relating to lotteries, several entitled, "Acco^ts^ of the contributions on the present lottery and the distribution thereof." 1711.

23. Proposals to remit money at certain rates made by the following persons in the year 1711 :—

E. Gibbon.
John Lambert.
Richard Hoare.
H. Furnese.
Theodore Janssen.
Nich. Santini & Co.
John Mendes da Costa.
James Milner.

—15 *pages.*

24. Various accounts of moneys and tallies received and paid by Thomas Micklethwaite, receiver and paymaster for transports. Also accounts of interest on Exchequer bills received by the same. In the year 1711. 7 *pages.*

25. A short abstract of the duty of the searchers in the Port of London. It also relates to their fees and salaries. ? Before the year 1712. 2¼ *pages.*

26. Petition of Brigadier Thomas Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to the Queen. Had served the Crown nearly 37 years, received several wounds, and endured great hardships from the climates of Newfoundland and the West Indies. Prayed relief for himself and regiment, which had served there eight years. [? About 1710 or 1711, or earlier.]

Also another memorial of the same, and of Brigadier John Livesay, on behalf of themselves and the officers of the regiments, for removal of respits. 2 *pages.*

27. An abstract of what M^r^ Mead, the Deputy Paymaster at Barcelona, brings to account for the profit arising to her Majesty upon the coining or recoining of money at Barcelona. ? 1711. [From the entries.] 1 *page.*

28. Memorial of Nathaniel Carpenter in behalf of Col. David Creighton's, late Col. Toby Caulfield's, regiment of foot to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford), for directions to the Paymaster General to compute and issue the pay of the regiment from 24 to 27 Aug. 1709. 1 *page.*

29. Memorial of Peirce Griffyth to the L^d^ Treasurer. The Government has thought fit to use the hospital built by him at Port Mahon,

by order of Sir John Jennings, for seamen of the fleet and land forces belonging to the garrison. Prays that bills amounting to 3,600*l.* may be paid, &c.

Minuted thus :—" Wt to be prepared." 1 *page, quarto.*

Probably 1711 by comparison with Vol. CXXXVII., 38.

VOL. CXLIII. 1712. JANUARY.

1712. 1. Estimates of charges for the following services in the year 1712, viz. for the Office of Ordnance (land service), for guards, garrisons and land forces in Great Britain, Jersey, Guernsey, the plantations, and for sea service; for the 20,000 men, troops of augmentation, and other additional forces taken into her Majesty's service and that of the States General; for the 40,000 men to act with the forces of the allies in the Low Countries, and for the Royal Hospital at Chelsea. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

1712. 2. A parcel of papers containing estimates, particulars of supply, and when the same were voted by Parliament, ways and means, apportionments, deficiencies of grants, propositions to be offered to the Committee of Supply, Civil List funds, and " Observanda." Most of these papers would appear to have been prepared in the conduct of the business of Mr Lowndes as Secretary of the Treasury in the year 1712.

Jan. 1. 3. " Treasurer of the Navy's (Cæsar's) memorial for £4,042. 8. 8. to pay parliamt tickets for month Decr 1711." Dated 1 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted :—" Agreed." 1 *page.*

Jan. 1. 4. Memorial from the same for sums amounting to 91,500*l.* to be supplied for the navy and victualling. Same date. 1 *page.*

Jan. 2. 5. Account of recruits transported from Harwich to Holland in her Majesty's packet boats from 1 Sept. 1711 to 2 Jan. 1711–12. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 2. 6. A state of the payments and remains as to the public services for the year 1711. Dated 2 Jan. 1711–12. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 3. 7. Representation of the Comrs for [Taxes] to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending certain appointments in connexion with their office and other matters relating to the administration of the same. Dated 3 Jan. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 8. A state of the seven regiments that returned from the expedition to Canada, as it was given to his Excellency General Erle, 15 Dec. 1711. Dated 5 Jan. 1711.

Also a schedule of the petitions in which their case had been set forth. 2 *pages.*

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Jan. 7. 9. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Harley. As to the valuation of the timber had from the New Forest for the service of the Navy at Portsmouth. Dated 7 Jan. 1711. 1 *page.*

Jan. 8. 10. John Anstis to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The 13th vol. of Leagues, Treaties, and other public Instruments being printed, desired his L^{p}'^{s} directions for entering into articles for printing another volume, and an order for money as usual. Dated 8 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"Orderd. W^{t} signd." ½ *page.*

Jan. 8. 11. Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to ————. Had paid 4,000*l.* to Sir Patrick Murray. Would be glad if it could be allowed on any other branch of the revenue under their management than the hereditary and temporary excise. Dated Excise Office, Edinb., 8 Jan. 1711–12. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 9. 12. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer. Was of opinion that her Majesty might grant the ⅔rds of the gold mines in Africa reserved to the Crown by King Charles II. in his grant in favour of the Royal African Company, of the 24th year of his reign. Dated 9 Jan. 1711.

Minuted :—"11 Jan. 1711. To attend till it be known how the affairs of the Affrican Comp^{a} shalbe settled by parl^{t}." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 13. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer respecting various new appointments for their office in consequence of the new duties on almanacks, cards, dice, &c., as well as the want of their salaries. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, Jan. 10, 1711. 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 14. Memorial of M^{r} Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a state of the cash received from the Deputy Paymaster in Spain. The Deputy Paymaster had but 36,193*l.* 6*s.* in hand on the 24th of Nov. Asks his L^{p} to make the necessary provision for carrying on the service, &c. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 10 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"Send this to the Aud^{rs}."

The enclosure mentioned. 3 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 11.] 15. Petition of Horatio Walpole, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Was in 1709 appointed secretary to the plenipotentiaries for a general peace, with an allowance of 40*s.* a day, and was, by letters of privy seal, to be paid his extraordinaries upon bills signed by the Secretary of State. Objections had been raised to the same. M^{r} Pryor, who was in the like capacity for the former peace, was paid; M^{r} Craggs, M^{r} Dayrolle, M^{r} Laws, M^{r} Cole at Venice, and all other secretaries had been constantly paid their disbursements. Prays payment.

Minuted :—"Lett M^{r} Powys search y^{e} prece^{dts}. The pet^{r} is to have these extra^{rys} if others in y^{e} like cases have had ext^{rys}. 11 Jan. 17$\frac{11}{12}$." [Then follows a list of other extraordinaries paid and a further Minute.] "Prepare y^{e} warr^{t}." 2 *pages.*

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[? About Jan. 11.] 16. Memorial of the captains of the late Col. John Caulefield's regiment, now commanded by Col. Bowles, praying for 34 days' pay when they left Ireland, in May 1705.

Minuted:—"11 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{11}{12}$. Its referd to M^{r} How. The pet^{rs} must have recourse to him for his report." 1 *page*.

Jan. 11. 17. Lord Lansdowne to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends the account of Lord North and Gray of the non-effective money of his regiment. Dated Whitehall, 11 Jan. 1711–12. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 12. 18. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract of a letter from M^{r} Manning, [secretary to the "Grisons,"] concerning his difficulty for want of money. Dated Whitehall, 12 Jan. 1711–12.

The extract named. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 19. A schedule of papers delivered to the Com^{rs} of Accounts. 15 Jan. 1711.

In relation to forage in North Britain and the demands of Sir Solomon de Medina, contractor for bread and bread waggons. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 20. J. Howe to W^{m} Lowndes. Sends the orders and instructions framed by the Controllers for the better regulating Chelsea Hospital, with some proposals thereon, to be laid before the Lord Treasurer. Dated 15 Jan. 1711.

The enclosure is not with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 15. 21. "Salt Com^{rs}' Representment of the obstruction & abuse that John Lloyd, an officer of the salt duty near Conway in Carnarvonshire, met with in the execution of his office."

The officer was beaten and detained in a poultry house of Sir Griffith Williams, one of her Majesty's justices of the peace, whom he charges with being present at the running of certain casks. The Com^{rs} had advised with M^{r} Attorney General, who thought fit to exhibit an information in the Crown Office against Sir Griffith, for assaulting and imprisoning the officer. Further advised that a reward of 50*l.* should be offered for the discovery of the persons concerned. Lloyd was afterwards taken up by warrant and carried before the justices (one of whom was Sir Griffith Williams) 28 miles from the place where he was appointed officer, and ordered to gaol for want of sureties, and the Com^{rs} had reason to believe was thus carried off whilst goods were run. Dated Salt Office, 15 Jan. 1711.

Minuted:—"23 Jan^{ry} 1711. This to be hinted to Sir Griffith Williams & respited till his answer." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 17. 22. Edward Southwell to M^{r} Lowndes. It had been usual in Ireland every three years to give coats and accoutrements to the king-at-arms, "the pursuivant, the kettledrum, and the six state trumpets," and to three messengers. The time had now expired. Sent estimate of the same. Had encouraged them to get the articles ready by the Queen's birthday, and desired a warrant. Dated 17 Jan. 1711.

Minuted:—"Wt to be ꝑpared. Signd."

The estimate and copy of previous warrant. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 23. Report of Lord Lansdowne to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major Webb, Governor of Upnor Castle, as to the method of payment of the invalids from Chelsea Hospital doing duty at the castle and the forts belonging thereto. Dated Whitehall, 19 Jan. 1711.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e to Secr̃y-at-War." 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 19. 24. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr John Pearce, undertaker for transporting prisoners at war, praying for consideration for his losses in that service. He had undertaken the transport of prisoners at 2*s.* 6*d.* a head when others required 10*s.* a head. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 19 Jan. 1711–12. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 25. An estimate of the charge of the Royal Hospital [? of Chelsea] and the invalid out-pensioners for the year 1711, with the sum which will be wanting to bear the same. Dated Pay Office, 19 Jan. 1711. 2 *large pages.*

Jan. 21. 26. Copy of a paper by the Comrs of the Admiralty as to the quotas of Her Majesty's ships to act with the allies during the war, and the agreements and conventions touching the same, from 1702 to 1711. Dated Admiralty Office, 21 Jan. 1711–12. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 27. Lord Dartmouth to the Earl of Rivers. Upon laying his Lp's letter and several other papers relating to demands for ordnance stores for the war in Spain before the Queen, her Majesty ordered that application should be made to the Lord High Treasurer thereon. Dated Whitehall, 21 Jan. 1711–12.

Four enclosures. 7½ *pages.*

Jan. 21. 28. The same to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty thought fit that the Lord High Treasurer should direct the payment of Mr Collins' bill for repairs done at Fort William. Dated as above.

The bill referred to.

Minuted:—"Ordnance to make forth an imprest." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 21. 29. The same to the same. It was her Majesty's pleasure that Lieut. James Hutchinson and eight men belonging to the "Blandford" should be suffered to come on shore, if his Lp on inquiry were assured that all persons on board the "Lubeck" were free from infectious distemper. Dated Whitehall, 21 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"Comrs Cust whether any obsercõn." 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 22. 30. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Harley. Sends answers received from the Earl of Leven and Mr Cochran concerning the forage of the troops in North Britain, for the information of the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 22 Jan. 1711–12.

Mr Cochran's letter. 3 *pages, quarto.*

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Jan. 22. 31. Memorial of Henry Portman to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of 200*l.* for watering the ring in Hyde Park, and also for 200*l.* for hay for the deer and for payment of the keepers. Dated 22 Jan. ———. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 23. 32. A state of the payments and remains as to the public services for the year 1711. Dated 23 Jan. 1711–12. 3 *pages.*

[? About Jan. 23.] 33. Representation of Sir Ambrose Crowley of his transactions with regard to navy contracts, and his losses by the discounts, &c. (about 15,000*l.*), giving also the particulars of the bills. Prays reparation. He also encloses a copy of his letters to the Navy Board.

"R. Janu. 23, $17\frac{11}{12}$." 8½ *pages.*

Jan. 23. 34. James Pym to William Lowndes, Esq. Respecting army and transport debentures. Dated South Sea House, 23 Jan. 1711. *The lower half only of* 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 35. T. Baker to the Lord High Treasurer. His last advices from Algiers acquaint him (M^{r} Baker) that the Dey of Algiers has kindly deferred his cruel intentions towards the Consul, until he has received the Queen's answer to his (the Dey's) letter, demanding satisfaction for the death of the seven Turks, whom he (Baker) some time since mentioned to his Lordship. Prays payment to the Consul of a year's salary for 1710 and his bill of extras, as he was reduced to great perplexities by his supply of corn to Barcelona for her Majesty and the King of Spain's forces. Dated 23 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"W^{t} for a year ord^{ry}." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 36. J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses copy of a letter of M^{r} Slaughter, marshal to the prisoners-at-war at Plymouth, representing the miserable condition he was in for want of money to subsist the 829 prisoners under his charge, for the Lord Treasurer to be moved thereon. Dated Admiralty Office, 23 Jan. 1711.

In addition to detailing the deplorable state he was in by the debt of 11,946*l.*, which he owed, so that he dared not have his doors unlocked, he mentions that he received 26 prisoners, being the crews of two ships which came out of Brest 10 days before, taken by the "S^{t} George" privateer of Guernsey, who reported that there were about 20 privateers in all, out of Brest, St. Malo, and Murlaix, with 4 to 30 guns [each], that Count Blannack, "chef d'escardre" was out cruising in the Channel from Rochford with two ships of 70 guns each, that Mons. Ducass was at Martinico, and that Mons^{r} Dugue had taken the Isle of "Tous Saints" in Brazil, but the latter wanted confirmation. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 24. 37. W. Robinson to the Hon. Thomas Harley, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. An Act passed in the 1st of the reign discharging the Lord Bophin's estate in Ireland (forfeited by rebellion), on paying 25,000*l.* at "four gales," in case of failure the estate to revert to the Crown. His Lordship paid upwards of 20,000*l.* in the time, but the remainder

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not being completed, the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland could not receive any further payments. A private Act remedying the lapse of time was passed in the 7th year of the reign. Dated London, 24 Jan. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 38. Report of Mr Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Thomas Foley, Esq., in favour of the latter continuing his contract for cord wood in the forest of Dean on the previous terms, until further orders, so long as any remained to be cut. Dated 29 Jan. 1711.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The memorial. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 39. Memorial of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on behalf of the officers of the trains in Flanders and Spain, whose pay was three years in arrear. The Comrs had passed the bills and debentures into South Sea stock, which was at a great discount. Were of opinion these arrears, or some of them, should be paid in money. Dated Office of Ordnance, 29 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"To propose a proporcõn of money." 1 *page.*

Jan. 30. 40. Report of Lord Lansdowne to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Marquis of Montandre. Suggests that the Lord Treasurer might order 372*l.* out of the respits to complete the regiment, unless he allowed 600*l.* for 150 men at 4*l.* each. The Duke of Ormond was of opinion that the regiments should be forthwith completed. Dated Whitehall, 30 Jan. 1711. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 30. 41. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer, in relation to the proposed prosecution of Mr William Whitehall, late agent victualler at Dover, for fraud in his office. Kelly, who charged him, appeared to be criminal, and it would be difficult to get a verdict against Whitehall. The matter of taking money rested entirely on Kelly's credit, which appeared to be bad. Dated 30 Jan. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"To be read when Mr Attorney comes here." 1¼ *pages.*

Jan. 31. 42. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. Send an estimate of the provisions furnished to land forces for carrying on the war in Spain and Portugal, from the commencement till 30 Sept. 1711. Dated 31 Jan. 1711.

The estimate. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 43. Letter signed "Con. Phipps Cam," to the Duke of Ormonde, in favour of granting to Mrs Helena Dering, widow of Col. Daniel Dering, deceased, a pension equal to the forfeited lands formerly granted (viz., 200*l.* per ann.). Dated Dublin Castle, 31 Jan. 1711. 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 44. Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer. Have taken the opinion of the Attorney General on Mr Dummer's contract, and his assignments to Mr Goodwin, and now send the same to his Lordship for further directions. Dated General Post Office, 31 Jan. 1711. 1 *page.*

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Jan. 31. 45. Lionel Norman to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Sending an account of the Customs (from 1 May 1707 to 29 Sept. 1711), which had increased, 14,734*l.*, clear of expense, over the previous year. Continued to labour for unanimity amongst his brethren, to which in some measure the increase might be attributed. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 31 Jan. 1711.

The account named.

Minuted:—"Read 3 Feb. 1711." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 46. Report of Lord Lansdowne to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Lieut. General Robert Echlin of a regiment of dragoons on the Irish Establishment, who was allowed but 12*l.* per horse for levy money, and had to pay 15*l.* Was of opinion he ought to have received 15*l.*, that being the usual sum allowed. Dated Whitehall, 31 Jan. 1711. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 47. "An accot of the dayesmen that are constantly upon ye call belonging to the office of her Majt's works, commonly called ticket men, who have no advantage but by their day labour."

"R. Janu. 31, 17$\frac{11}{12}$." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 31. 48. Memorial of Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had caused estimates of stores to be made, as thought necessary by the engineers and consuls of the train in Spain, for defence of Port Mahon and Gibraltar, in case they should be besieged; and also of the charge of stores for the train, and for her Majesty's forces in Catalonia, and for the Imperialists, Italians, and Portuguese in her Majesty's pay, amounting to 219,614*l.* 16*s.* Asked for directions as to what demands they should make on Parliament. The magazines at Port Mahon and Gibraltar would not contain the quantities in the estimate. Dated Office of Ordnance, 31 Jan. 1711.

Minuted:—"My Lord thinks the demands should be made as last year, with proper memds." 1 *page.*

Jan. —. 49. Report of Mr J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer] upon the report of the Comptrollers of the army accounts, which proposed that the regiments that went on the late expedition to Canada should be allowed complete, to enable them to recruit. Also as to what was fit to be done with the detachment at Annapolis Royal. Dated Pay Office, — Jan. 1711–12. 2½ *pages.*

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Feb. 2. 1. A computation made of the yearly charge for transport service in carrying on the war in Spain and Portugal from 1702 to Christmas 1711. Dated Transport Office, 2 Feb. 1711. 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 2. Edward Southwell to Mr Harley. Respecting the placing of the regiments of Stanwix, Fielding, and "Franks and Tyrrell" on the establishment of Ireland, and the sending of the three regiments from

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Canada thither. The Lord Lieut. agreed thereto. Dated London, 4 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"14 F[eb. 17$\frac{11}{12}$]. Read & approved by my Lord." 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 3. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the tenpences deducted out of the pay of the seamen employed in her Majesty's packet boats, and respecting allowances out of the fund to widows and children of persons killed or wounded, and to persons who officiated as chaplains. His Lordship had granted an allowance to M^rs Laycock, widow of Capt. Laycock, on her husband being killed in a packet boat on the Dover station. The officers on this station never contributed to the fund, and the money was only applicable to the seamen on the Falmouth and Harwich stations. Dated General Post Office, 4 Feb. 1711.

Four other papers relating thereto, including an extract of the method observed by the Chest at Chatham in the distribution of their funds, which method they had observed, as far as possible. 12 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 5. 4. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Ask for 8,659*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* to be ordered them for two years' arrears of the trains in Flanders, &c. Dated Office of Ordnance, 5 Feb. 1711–12.

Their report on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 5. J. Burchett to Thomas Harley, Esq. To supply the account required by the House of Commons, the yearly charge in the Offices of the Navy, Victualling, and Ordnance, for carrying on the war in Spain and Portugal, will be collected from the books of the Admiralty Office; but particular directions must be given to the transport service for their charge. Dated Admiralty Office, 6 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 6. Letter from [Col.] John Evans, [Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania,] addressed to the Hon. William Penn, Esq., Proprietor and Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, near Whitehall. Gives an estimate, from seven years' experience in the province, of the annual value of the revenues there, (viz., 1,470*l.*). The customs in England on tobacco from thence were above 10,000*l.* per ann. In the valuable consideration for the surrender of the province it was to be borne in mind that the province took nearly 20,000*l.* a year of English manufactures, and it might further be considered what it would have cost Great Britain to have brought the province to the perfection in which they would find it. Dated London, 7 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 7. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of several persons on behalf of themselves and some hundreds of others, who, in 1708, advanced to her Majesty 640,000*l.* upon credit of an Act of Parliament for payment of annuities. At Ladyday there would be four quarters due. Unless 40,000*l.* could be found to clear these annuities, he did not see how they could be paid quarterly, and they would always be a year in arrear, nor could

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he say how much it would affect the credit of annuities. Dated Exchequer, 7 Feb. 1711.

Minuted:—"12 Febry 17$\frac{11}{12}$. If the House approves it, the unappropriated money in the Exchequer may be applyed to these annuitys." 1½ *pages*.

Feb. 12. 8. J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract from another letter received from Mr Slaughter on the miserable condition he was in by his debts for the prisoners of war. Dated Admiralty Office, 12 Feb. 1711.

The extract. 2 *pages*.

Feb. 13. 9. Representation of the Comrs for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, as to their charges in examining into the receipts of divers of their receivers, prosecutions, &c. Praying for 500*l.* to be imprested to their secretary. Dated Office for Hides, &c., 13 Feb. 1711.

Minuted:—"My Lord is rather minded that diligence should be used in adjusting the accounts of these charges & paying them wn adjusted, than to make imprests." 1 *page*.

Feb. 13. 10. Commrs for Victualling to Mr Harley. Had sent an estimate of the yearly charge of provisions furnished to land forces in Spain and Portugal, together with the freights, &c. paid to merchant ships carrying the same from the beginning of the war in 1702. Dated Victualling Office, 13 Feb. 1711.

The estimate. 2 *pages*.

Feb. 14. 11. Memorial of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer, asking his Lp to obtain her Majesty's letter for 20,512*l.* 14*s.* for building (1) a new arsenal in the Castle of Dublin; (2) two magazines near the Royal Hospital, for holding the powder; and (3) for sheds to preserve the gun carriages where timber was so scarce and dear. The House had very readily agreed to the estimates for the same as annexed. Dated Whitehall, 14 Feb. 1711-12.

Minuted:—"A wt for 10,000li."

Copy of the estimates. 2¼ *pages*.

Feb. 15. 12. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer. It was a full year since they had bills running on them to answer the service in foreign parts without having received any money to pay them. No more credit could be procured, &c. A monthly estimate of the debt of the office was impracticable. Requested the issue of 29,171*l.* 3*s.* 6¼*d.* The whole service at Port Mahon was at a stand, and the new agent not able to proceed for want of credit. Dated 15 Feb. 1711-12. 2½ *pages*.

Feb. 15. 13. Lord Lansdowne to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Enclosed a petition of the officers, who were commissioned for the eight companies of invalids which had not yet been formed, for the Lord Treasurer to say if they should be included in the account of extraordinaries of the war to be laid before Parliament. The four companies who were designed for Portsmouth could not march for want of money, and the clamours of the invalids were so great that he was obliged to represent their necessities. Dated Whitehall, 15 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—“25 Feb. $17\frac{11}{12}$. When money is granted, my Lord shalbe ready to pay those that are already formed.” $1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages*.

Feb. 16. 14. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to [the Lord High Treasurer]. It would be agreeable to the House of Commons of Ireland if Lieut. William Gunter were restored to his half-pay of 5*s*. a day, from which he had been struck off. Dated London 16 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—“31th March 1712. A w^{t} to be ꝑpared.” 1 *page*.

Feb. 16. 15. Memorial of the same to the same for the allowance of the charges of holding the last session of Parliament in Ireland. Dated London, 16 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—“Compare with y^{e} last & prepare a w^{t}, the 200[^{li}] extra^{ry} of Dublin pet^{n} to be included.

“Upon comparing, the arrerages this year are found to exceed & vary very much from the charges last session.”

The “allowances” named. 2 *pages*.

Feb. 16. 16. J. Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Desires them to inform his Lordship that Captain Norbury, of H.M. ship “Lark,” was arrested on account of the Com^{rs} of Victualling not paying the bills he had drawn on them, for provisions bought in the plantations. Dated Admiralty Office, 16 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page*.

Feb. 16. 17. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Lowndes. Had formerly agreed with M^{r} Heysham for the service at Barbadoes for bills of exchange, at 25*l*. per cent.; but they had come to a new agreement of deducting only 10*l*. per cent. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 16 Feb. 1711–12. 2 *pages*.

Feb. 17. 18. Petition of Isaac Bourgeois, late coastwaiter at Leith, in North Britain, to the Lord High Treasurer, for provision to be made for him, being turned out to make room for a North Briton, who was searcher at Leith. Dated 17 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page*.

Feb. 18. 19. Robert Lowther to the Lord High Treasurer. On the 20th of December had an account that Mons. du Cass had arrived at Martinique with two men-of-war, on which he ordered H.M. ships that attended that station to join the “Diamond,” stationed on the Leeward Islands, and to cruise off Martinique to intercept him; but he had sailed for Old France on the 2nd of last month, O.S. Enclosed an exact account of the forces the French had at Martinique, Guadaloupe, and Grenada. H.M. ships that attended on the North American station had come there (Barbadoes) for the winter. This tended to her Majesty’s service, by destroying the enemy’s trade, but such a force with a small addition of soldiers and subaltern officers would take Guadaloupe, if not Martinique. M^{r} Douglas, H.M. General of the Leeward Islands, informed him that one M^{r} Thomas Kerby betrayed General Parke, when he was both public and private

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secretary, and was one of the chief promoters of the late rebellion, and the person that fired the first shot at General Parke. He (Kerby) had fled from justice, and was to be sent to England, if caught. On inquiry found that Kerby was at the house of one Mr Codrington; did not send a warrant to apprehend him, from distrust of the officers to execute it, and took no notice of him till on the 20th of last month, on his coming to church, he (Robert Lowther) personally apprehended him and committed him to gaol for high treason. The indulgences extended to him in prison were so abused by presents sent to him and frequent visits, that the minds of the ignorant were so wrought upon, that they began to justify and commend his crime. Thereupon a stricter guard was put on him, as he (Lowther) apprehended that a people which so gloried in his crime would not be long in attempting his rescue. Sent directions to Mr Constable, the senior captain there, for the "Burlington" to be got ready to go to Great Britain to convey the French prisoners, who replied that he would not send her. Such disobedience and contempt of government was extremely injurious, and encouraged all the factious and rebellious people, and upon that it was with great difficulty Kerby was kept in prison till he (Lowther) could hire a vessel at his own expense to send him to England to be tried. One Mr Heath, a Scotchman, had given out that he was to succeed him (Lowther) in the government, and that had led to some factious complaints against him. Hoped his Lp would be deaf to their reports, and that her Majesty would pass no censure on his conduct until he answered the charge. Dated Barbadoes, 18 Feb. 1711–12.

Also a table showing various particulars of the garrisons of the Windward Islands; viz., Martinique, Guadaloupe, and Grenada (French), and a list of ships and their stations. 7 *pages.*

Feb. 18. 20. Establishment of the General and Staff officers to serve in Flanders for the year 1712. Dated 18 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 21. Certificate addressed to the Comrs of her Majesty's revenue from William Burgh, Accountant General, in relation to the cash account of forfeitures. Dated 19 Feb. 1711. 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 22. W. Whiting to William Lowndes, Esq. Gives the result of his inquiries as to the consumption of charcoal, old coal, small coal, and "charme." Believes at 4*s.* a sack it would raise 100,000*l.* per ann., and if mistaken, is confident the starch and orchell will make up the deficiency. Dated College Hill, London, 19 Feb. 1711. 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 23. The state of the army in Spain, and various proposals and arrangements made about the same. "The Spanish nor Portugueze troops are not taken notice of in the preceding account, because of their insufficiency that they can never be relied on." "R. from Lord Forbes, Feb. 19, 17$\frac{11}{12}$." 3 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 19. 24. Lord Lansdowne to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends (1) a draft of a new establishment for the General and Staff officers to serve in Flanders, as proposed by the Duke of Ormond, and

(2) a state of the difference between this and the former, for the Lord Treasurer's approbation. Dated 19 Feb. 1711–12.

The second document above noticed. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 19. 25. The same to Mr Harley. Encloses an extract from a letter received from Lieut.-General Stanhope, to be communicated to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 19 Feb. 1711–12.

The extract named. Sir Francis Arthur and Co., who had supplied the prisoners, were very uneasy at the slow payment of their bills. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 21. 26. J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer respecting the resettling and continuing of a pension of 9*s.* 6*d.* a day on Sir Scipio Hill, on the establishment of Scotland. Had no objection thereto. Dated 21 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"To know if this case be particular from those left out of the estab."

Again :—"Lre to Secry at Warr." 1 *page.*

Feb. 23. 27. An account of the debt in the Office of Works at Windsor Castle for the months of October, November, and December, 1711. Dated 23 Feb. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

Feb. 23. 28. Jo. Bagster to Lord "Abington." States the case between the Queen and the Bishop of Winchester. His Lordship claimed a right of hunting and following his deer out of all his woods, chaces, &c., lying next her Majesty's forest of South, alias East, Bear [Bere], in the county of Southampton; and that all the lands of the forest were upon his manor, but the writer (Jo. Bagster) believed he would find it a great mistake, for his Lp had but one manor within the forest and a purlieu thereby, called Hambledon chace: for if the bishop had a right he had given it up; from time immemorial there had been a composition of deer paid by the Queen's officers to the bishop in lieu thereof. The principal question was, Whether the bishop had a right to follow deer from his woods and commons called Havant Thicket and Waltham Chace? The question was before the Attorney General. There were two cottages in the forest erected for public houses, which harboured rogues, deer stealers, &c. It was necessary for the Lord Treasurer to give orders about both these matters. Dated 23 Feb. 1711. 1 *page.*

Feb. 23. 29. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending a pension of 2*s.* a day to Margaret, widow of Daniel la Graviere, who had served as cornet in her Majesty's late regiment of French dragoons, commanded by Col. de la Fabreque. Dated London, 23 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"Agreed. Wt signed."

Her petition and three certificates. 7 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 30. Pensions and annuities payable at the Exchequer out of the civil list revenues, to what time paid, and the sums due thereupon at Christmas 1711. Dated 25 Feb. 1711. 1¼ *pages*

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Feb. 25. 31. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the report of the Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations on the memorial of William Penn, Esq., Proprietor and Governor of Pennsylvania, proposing to surrender to her Majesty the powers of government wherewith he was invested. Had perused the grant of that government to him by King Charles II. and other deeds relating to his title thereto, and to the government of the tract of land on Delaware River and Bay, then called the town or colony of New Castle, alias Delaware. M^{r} Penn had made out his title to him (the Attorney General). Had prepared a draft of surrender of those powers from M^{r} Penn and others to her Majesty, reserving his right to the soil of those colonies. In the patent of King Charles II. the mines of gold and silver in Pennsylvania were granted to M^{r} Penn, and he said he could not surrender them, having made several grants thereof. An instrument was likewise prepared for her Majesty to accept the surrender, and in it M^{r} Penn sought that her Majesty would declare that she would take the people of his persuasion as well as the other inhabitants of those colonies into her protection. There was no provision made for the support of the government there, but M^{r} Penn affirmed that the Assembly would make provision for the same, and that the fines and forfeitures were considerable. Dated 25 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"W^{t} signd 6 Septr. 1712 for 1,000^{li} in pt of 12,000^{li}."

The following entry on the subject of the disposal of this government is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 151:—"M^{r} Penn called in. The abstract of his mem^{ll}, reports, & other papers relating to a surrender proposed to be made by him of his government for 20m.^{li} is read. Lord asks him how he comes to set such a value upon his governm^{t}. M^{r} P. offers an acco^{t} of the revenues arising thereby, signed by his Deputy Governour, Coll^{o} Evans [*see* 7 Feb. above]. The Coll^{o} is called in. My Lord asks him if he can tell for how long the revenues mencõnd in his lr̃e are granted to the Governour. He says he cannot charge his memory as to the first art., as to the next 3 articles, they are perpetual. My Lord observes that the estimate of the yearly value of his Governm^{t} w^{ch} he makes to be ab^{t} 1,300^{li} p ann., is in New England m^{o} w^{ch} M^{r} Penn allows to be 25^{li} p cent. worse than sterl. m^{o}. My Lord says the substance of the proposal is, that M^{r} Penn offers to sell his Governm^{t} for 2,857^{li} 2^{s} 10^{d} p ann. for 7 years."

There is a further entry at p. 237, 17 July 1712, when the same matter was debated with M^{r} Penn:—"(and consenting thereunto) his Lordship resolves to move her Majesty to accept of the said surrender and conveyance, and to allow to M^{r} Penn for making thereof a sum of 12,000^{li}, to be paid in 4 years time from the date of such surrender & conveyance, and that the produce of the Queen's part of the two ships lately seized at New Castle upon De la Ware River, be applyd & accepted as part of the said payment." 1½ *pages*.

Feb. 25. 32. J. Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. Encloses copy of a letter from M^{r} Slaughter, of Plymouth, as to his not being able to procure any

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further credit for the subsistence of the prisoners of war (above 800). Dated Admiralty Office, 25 Feb. 1711–12.

The copy of the letter in which he asks for some one to be put in his place, being an "undone man." The charge of the prisoners was 20*l.* a day and he had not 20*s.* in the world, and no one would let him have a shilling.

There is also an abstract of what was due (26,878*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*). 3 *pages.*

Feb. 25. 33. Report of Wm Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Dorothy Hughes, who was fined 5*l.* three times for keeping a disorderly house, and was then a prisoner in Newgate in the common side of the gaol, with the bare gaol allowance. Conceived she was an object of mercy. Dated 25 Feb. 1711–12.

The petition, a certificate, and an extract as to the fines.

Minuted:—"27th Mar. 1712. Send to the clerk of ye peace & desire him to know of the justices, before whom she has been convicted, whether they have any objection to remitting the fines." 4 *pages.*

Feb. 26. 34. Representation of the [Barons of the Exchequer] of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer. The accounts of George Allardice, Esq., deceased, late master of the Mint there, of the re-coinage of the old money, had been laid before them, and they had referred them to Sir Isaac Newton, Master of the Mint in the Tower of London, whose observations they enclosed, together with the account for his Lordship's directions as to the method of carrying on the charge of the accounts, which it was contended should be according to the course of the Mint of Scotland, but which they thought should be in accordance with that of England. Dated Edinburgh, 26 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"8th May 1712. State the difference between the allowance accordg to ye English Mint & that of ye Scots Mint, and the draft of a privy seal to be prepared to authorize ye passing the accots, as is proposed in this repntacōn."

Again:—"1 May 1713. To be passed according to the rule of the English Mint." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 35. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Harley. Encloses the opinion of the Board of General Officers upon the proceedings of the court-martial held in Portugal upon Col. Franks, received from the Judge Advocate, to be laid before the Ld High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 27 Feb. 1711–12.

The opinion referred to and a letter enclosing it. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 28. 36. Report of Mr E. Harley to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the memorial of Mr Humphry Wanley and the minutes of the Trustees for the Cottonian Library, directing Doctor Hutton, Mr Anstis, and Mr Wanley to inspect the library, which they had done. The last-named reported the state in which they found it. Advising that he should have 50*l.* for his trouble. Dated 28 Feb. 1711–12. 1½ *pages.*

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Feb. 28. 37. Report of the same to the same on the petition of William Hanbury, Esq., who was appointed Keeper of the Cottonian Library by a majority of the trustees in June 1706. In 1708 her Majesty directed her books to be removed from St James's to Cotton House. The late Lord Treasurer proposed to Mr. Hanbury to surrender his office in order to have Dr Bentley made keeper, which surrender was made, the Lord Treasurer promising to recompense him.

In 1708 his application for recompense was reported on by the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice Holt, who proposed 500*l.* for the time past, and 150*l.* per ann. for the future. The Lord Treasurer in March following ordered 300*l.*, which was accepted, relying upon the promise. Mr Harley submits whether he should have 300*l.* from March 1708, as proposed by the trustees, or 180*l.* as proposed by the Lord Treasurer. Dated 28 Feb. 1711–12.

The petition, copy of another petition from him, and the report of the Ld Chancellor, &c., and a copy of a minute of 30 Dec. 1706 as to the purchase of Cotton House. 9 *pages.*

Feb. 28. 38. Report of E. Harley and A. Maynwaring to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Whitfield, in relation to demands made on him by the officers of the marine regiments to make good respits. Dated 28 Feb. 1711.

An account of the respits of the 6 marine regiments.

Minuted:—"Read 6 March $17\frac{11}{12}$." $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Feb. 28. 39. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Captain George Philips, captain of grenadiers in Major-General Rooke's regiment. Certain officers and men forming a company were taken prisoners into Dunkirk, and 14 of the privates went into the King of France's service for want of subsistence, and some of them afterwards returned. Dated 28 Feb. 1711–12.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? Feb. 28 or March 28.] 40. William Penn to [the Lord High Treasurer] in the following terms:—

"My noble friend, "28 curt.

"The reason of ye trouble of my messuage was ye hopes thy goodness has long raisd in me of an easier access in my present weakness at thy house than office, wearing a night gown still, wch makes but an odd figure at ye Treasury. I hope I shall not need to trouble thee often, because the expedient I have to offer for ye paymt for my governmt will make it so easy & practicable in thy opinion. Compassionate the circumstances of

"Thy faithfull & respectfull ould
"friend
"WM. PENN."

[? Feb or March, as these affairs were then under consideration. See 25 Feb. 1711–12.] $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, quarto.* (*Holograph.*)

Feb. 29. 41. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the debts on bonds for tobacco and for examining the application of debentures to bonds. Dated Custom House, London, 29 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"10 Mar. 17$\frac{11}{12}$. M^{r} Ferne will give his owne time & all other assistance he can towards the examinacõn of these debentures." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 29. 42. "A distribution of the moneys granted for the service of the year 1711 for the general officers, contingencies, garrisons, independent companies, and invalids in Great Britain, Jersey, Guernsey, and the plantations." Signed J. Howe. Dated Pay Office, 29 Feb. 1711–12. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 29. 43. Memorial of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Desiring directions for 500*l.* to be paid to the Earl of Barrymore upon account of his pay as Lieut.-General of H.M. forces in Spain and for his two aides-de-camp. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 29 Feb. 1711–12.

Minuted :—"Out of land tax tallys 1711. 448. 16. 5.
491.

(*sic*) 1439. 16. 5."—1 *page.*

Feb. 29. 44. Similar memorial relating to the payment of bills of exchange. Same date. 1 *page.*

March 1. 45. Report of Sir Roger Mostyn to the Lord High Treasurer on the affairs of Brigadier Bor, as well as those of the marine regiments. Dated 1 March 1711–12.

Minuted :—"A w^{t} to direct M^{r} W. to pay over the wthin mencõnd summ of 6,000^{li} to S. R. M. for the service of the marines. Sir R. M. & M^{r} W. to attend to-morrow at 12 o'clock." 2 *pages* (*a piece torn from the right-hand side*).

March 1. 46. Lord Lansdowne to the Secretaries of the Treasury. The Lord Treasurer to be reminded of the allowances craved by the officers for horses lost in the last campaign, also as to the contracts for bread and bread waggons, and further for the establishment of officers for the service of Flanders. Dated Whitehall, 1 March 1711–12. 1 *page* (*a piece torn from the right-hand side*).

March 1. 47. Copy of certificate of the death of Richard Keasey, a ser[jeant] in Captain Powell's company, in a regiment of Marines, on board the "Old Adventure" at Martinique on 1 March 1708–9. Dated 1 March 1711–12. 1 *page* (*a piece torn from the right-hand side*).

March 1. 48. Sir R. Cotton to the Lord High Treasurer. Was now an old man, and unable to subsist without the [royal] bounty. Was formerly in the Post Office. Asks for his Lordship's favour and protection. Dated Hatley St. George, 1 March 1711. 1 *page, quarto* (*part of it torn away from the right-hand side*).

March 3. 49. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the securities of Peter Gott, jun^{r}, late Receiver

General for Sussex, praying stay of process and a reasonable time to pay in arrears. Dated [3 Mar. 1711–12].

The petition.

Minuted:—"If M^{r} Gott will make any reasonable proposall so that the Queen's debt will be secured, my Lord shalbe willing to stay proceedings for a reasonable time." 3½ *pages* (*a part torn away at the right-hand side*).

March 5. 50. J. Burchett to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Encloses a letter from the Mayor of Canterbury, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Admiralty Office, 5 March 1711.

[There is what appears to be a Minute from which it seem that 15,000*l.* were paid.]

The letter mentioned, asking for money to pay the subsistence of the marines. 2 *pages* (*a piece torn away from the right-hand side*).

March 5. 51. Daniel Combes to the Lord [High Treasurer ?]. Asks for the issue of 1,700*l.* for subsistence of the officers en s[econd]. Dated 5 March 1711–12. 1 *page, quarto* (*a small piece at the right-hand torn away*).

[March 5.] 52. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Secretary Lowndes on the petition of the widows and mothers of the seamen blown up on 15 Oct. last, in her Majesty's ship "Edgar." Would pay the wages when the money was issued to them.

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages* (*a piece torn away*).

March 5. 53. Report of Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the major, youngest captain, youngest lieutenant, and youngest ensign of General Stewart's regiment. Advises that certain deductions from their pay should cease. Dated London, 5 March 1711–12.

The petition.

Minuted:—"April 7th, 1712. This being a private agreem^{t}, the governm^{t} ought not to suffer by it, and is an ill president & cannot be done." 3 *pages* (*torn at the right-hand side*).

March 6.] 54. "An account of money due to his Ex^{cy} the Lord Raby." Dated 6 March.

Also, "Particulars of extra extraordinarys due to me from my first coming abroad in 1702 till this time 1711." 2 *pages.*

March 6. 55. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the East India Company, relating to the dispute with them touching the duties of their unrated goods. Dated Custom House, London, 6 March 1711–12.

The petition.

Copy of Sir Edw^{d} Northey's report on the same, and 12 other papers on the same subject. 22 *pages or parts of pages.*

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March 6. 56. Report of the Comrs of Customs, North Britain, to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning what was done with certain French and other salt, imported before the Union. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 6 March 1711–12. 3 *pages.*

March 6. 57. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord ——— on the petition of Edward Progers, Esq., praying for 400*l.* per ann., on the establishment of Ireland, pursuant to a grant of King Charles II., to whom as well as to King Charles I. he was servant. Had nothing to object to the pension, which was granted to him until 4,000*l.* should be paid to him. Dated London, 6 March 1711–12. 2 *pages.*

March 6. 58. Memorial of Major Edward Evelyn to Lord Lansdowne, her Majesty's Secretary-at-War. The subaltern officers, &c. quartered at Taunton had run much into debt. Prays for an order of subsistence to prevent desertion. Dated 6 March 1711–12.

Minuted:—"To be sent to ye Treary." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 6. 59. Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Helena, widow of Col. Daniel Dering. Recommends the grant to her of 150*l.* per ann. on the establishment, for the loss of a custodiam of 200*l.* per ann., and in acknowledgment of the services rendered by the family to the Crown. Dated London, 6 March 1711.

Minuted:—"April 7, 1712. To be laid before the Queen." 1 *page.*

March 7. 60. Robert Peter to James Taylor, Esq. The coats, waistcoats, and banners were ready for shipment on the River Thames, but he asked who was to be his paymaster. General Lumley, at parting, acquainted him that Mr Benson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had promised the money in a few days. Dated 7 March 1711. 1 *page.*

March 7. 61. Weekly certificates of money paid into the receipt of the Exchequer upon the "14th 4sh aid, 1711."

The last is 7 March 1711. 10 *pages.*

March 7. 62. Memorial of the Board of Green Cloth to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the taxes on the Royal Household, and for stop of process against James Taylor, Esq., Receiver General for the Palaces. Dated Whitehall, 7 March 1711–12. 2 *pages.*

March 7. 63. Memorial of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for an order for 10,000*l.* to carry on the most necessary services. Dated Ordnance Office, 7 March 1711–12.

Minuted:—"5,000 in moneys. Sir Roger Mostyn & Whitfield
5,000 in malt tallys. to-morrow.
Look out the paper settling the days." 1 *page.*

March 10. 64. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Harley. Had prepared an account of the remittance of money for the foreign service, on contracts made by this board during the present war, with the rates of exchange, &c., to be laid before the House of Commons. Enclosed a copy. Dated Victualling Office, 10 March 1711.

The account referred to. 4 *pages.*

March 10. 65. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Harley. Asks him to ascertain from the Lord High Treasurer which regiments he would have placed on the establishment for Ireland, the seven regiments taken prisoners at Brihuega having in their memorial asserted their right of seniority over the regiments of Franks, Fielding, Tyrrell, and Stanwix, and three of those which came home from the expedition to Canada. Dated Whitehall, 10 Mar. 1711–12.

The memorial named.

Minuted:—"My Lord Lansdowne is to lay a state of all the regts before the Queene, this affair not being properly before my Lord to determine." 3 *pages.*

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March 11. 1. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a letter from Major-Genl Whetham on the supply of corn for the troops in Catalonia, and another letter on the same subject. Dated Whitehall. 11 March 1711–12.

The first-named letter only. 3 *pages.*

March 12. 2. Lord Lansdowne to William Lowndes, Esq. The serjeants, corporals, &c. of Fielding's, Tyrrell's, Stanwix's, and Francks' regiments had received no subsistence since their arrival from Portugal. To remind the Ld Treasurer of the establishment of general officers for Flanders, and of the establishment of the field and standing hospital. Also as to money to be advanced to the officers of the horse and dragoons, &c. The Duke of Ormond thought it very necessary that some despatch should be given of these matters. Dated Whitehall, 12 March 1711–12. 2 *pages, quarto.*

March 12. 3. Copies of various of Mr Morice's accounts of his receipts and disbursements in the year 1711, for forage, &c. for the army in Spain. The last was received 12 March 1711–12. There are also some copies of letters on the same subject. 53 *pages or parts of pages.*

March 13. 4. "Report of the Comptrollers of the accots of the Army relating to the memorial and proposals made in behalf of Messrs Solomon and Juda Pereira about furnishing her Majties forces in Flanders with bread & bread waggons for year 1712." Signed, "Ja. Bruce." Dated Controllers' Office, 13 Mar. 1711–12.

Minuted:—" Md This report dated 13th March 1711, was brought to ye Trery 14th do, on which day my Lord Trer recd an accot from Generalls Lumley, Withers, & Cadogan that they had actually contracted wth Vanderkaa & Castano for ye bread & bread waggons."

The conditions of the contract with Solomon and Juda Pereira for bread and bread waggons. 18½ *pages.*

March 14. 5. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on a warrant for the royal signature for granting and conveying the lands of that part of Down which formerly belonged to the deceased Charles Keirie, with the lands of Tarlair, Fauchfold, Broadlies, and other lands, holding ward in the counties of Bamff and Aberdeen, in favour of Sir Francis Grant of Collin, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. They found that the "signature" contained the erection of the lands into a barony, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 14 March 1712, *i.e.*, 1711–12. 1 *page.*

March 14. 6. Similar report as to lands of Belfoord and Horselichill, in the co. of Roxburgh, in favour of Francis Scot of Horselichill, Esq. Same date. 1 *page.*

March 14. 7. Similar report as to the lands and barony of Horndean, in the counties of Berwick and Haddingtoun, in favour of George Home, the younger, of Wedderburn, Esq. Same date. 1 *page.*

March 14. 8. Board of Ordnance to the Earl of Dartmouth. Their estimate for the train in Spain was 12,220*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, and Parliament had given them no money for that service. Ask for her Majesty's commands thereon. Dated Office of Ordnance, 14 March 1711–12. (Copy.)

An estimate for the ordnance stores for Spain. 2 *pages.*

March 14. 9. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes. As to the payment for dry forage furnished to the regiments in the campaign of 1710, stopped out of the subsistence of General Ross's and the Earl of Stair's regiments. Dated Whitehall, 14 March 1711–12.

Extract from an account relating thereto. 2 *pages, quarto.*

March 15. 10. H. St John to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks that the latter would give such directions as would enable Mr Henry Watkins to examine and certify the accounts of her Majesty's share of extraordinaries of the war in Flanders. Dated Whitehall, 15 March 1711–12.

Minuted:—" Send the instructions to Mr Secry St John to get them signd by the Q. and then transmit them after entry at ye Trery, &c. to Mr Watkins." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 17. 11. Lord Shrewsbury to the Lord High Treasurer. Desires his Lordship to order 110*l.* to be paid to John Inglis, Esq., marshal of the ceremonies, to be delivered to Prince Eugene's secretary as a present from her Majesty. Dated 17 March 1711–12. 1 *page.*

March 17. 12. Abstract of the account of receipts and issues between Mich. 1710 and Mich. 1711, taken out of the book presented by the Comrs of Accounts to the House of Commons on the 17th of March 1711. 6 *pages.*

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March 18. 13. "An acc^{t} of the remittances of money by the Office of Her Maj$^{ty's}$ Ordnance to Holland, Spain, Gibraltar, & Portugal, for the service of the trayns, &c^{a}, at what rates & upon what conditions the said remittances have been made between the 19th of March $170\frac{1}{2}$ and the 19th of February $17\frac{11}{12}$, by Edward Gibbon, Esq.". Dated 18 March 1711–12. 18 *pages.*

March 18. 14. Charles Carkesse to William Lowndes, Esq. Some of the Com^{rs} of Customs would attend his Lordship on the morrow, and weekly on that day. Dated Custom House, London, 18 March 1711. 1 *page.*

March 18. 15. William Sloper to the Lord High Treasurer. Informs his L^{p} as to what was usual in regard to equipage money. The Earl of Portmore received 3,000*l.* for his equipage as commander-in-chief in Portugal, in 1710, and the like was allowed to other commanders-in-chief there. Submits whether an allowance of 5,000*l.* may not be proper to the Duke of Ormond, whose command is of a higher nature. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 18 March 1711. 1 *page.*

March 18. 16. Lord Dartmouth to the Board of Ordnance. Her Majesty desired that an account of the debt of the Ordnance service in Spain might be prepared. They would receive directions for the future expense of the train from the Treasury, as it was settled with her Majesty's allies, the Emperor and the States. Dated 18 March 1711–12. (Copy.) 1 *page, quarto.*

March 19. 17. Lord Lansdowne to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends the warrant signed by her Majesty for the Duke of Ormond's equipage money, for the Lord High Treasurer, to fill up the sum and countersign the same. Dated Whitehall, 19 March 1711. 1 *page.*

March 19. 18. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (P. Meadows and Ja. Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain George Phillips, relating to the pay of his company, who were taken prisoners and carried to Dunkirk. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 19 March 1711–12.

Minuted :—"5 Aug. 1712. Respited till y^{e} Comm^{rs} of the Army Acco^{ts} shall have settled the acco^{ts} of this reg^{t}."

Also a state of the pay of the above company. 3 *pages.*

March 19. 19. Com^{rs} for Hides to the Lord High Treasurer. Have annexed a state of the matter relating to the use of his Lordship's name made by M^{r} Huggins to M^{r} Albert, late receiver and then prisoner in Newgate. Dated Office for Hides, &c., 19 March 1711.

The "state" is not with it. 1 *page.*

March 20. 20. Report of the same on the petition of George and Joseph Newell, praying for their liberty, in order to assist the assignees in a bankruptcy. Dated 20 March 1711.

Minuted :—"29 March 1712. Look out the former reports that have been made in this matter."

Again :—"Lookt out and their enlargement ordered on giving security according to the agent's first report." 1 *page.*

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March 20. 21. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer. Respecting the disposal of the regiment of dragoons commanded by the Earl of Wharton, the provision to be made for the officers, the sale of the horses, &c. Dated Whitehall, 20 March 1711–12.

Also "An account of the number & condition of the dragoon horses in Lieut. Thomas Williams' charge." 3 *pages.*

March 20. 22. Memorial from M^{r} James Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays for orders to be given for the 5,000*l.* which her Majesty has directed to be paid to the Duke of Ormond, captain-general of the land forces, for his equipage as commander-in-chief in the Low Countries. Dated 20 March 1711–12.

Minuted :—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

March 20. 23. Report of Edw. Northey, Attorney General, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the annexed papers relating to the administration of the personal estate of Charles Mallett, therein alleged to have been "murthered" near Constantinople, and as it appeared by affidavit that the said Charles Mallett was base born and died intestate and unmarried, was of opinion that his personal estate had devolved on her Majesty, who might grant such administration as was desired. Dated 20 March 1711–12.

Minuted :—"22 Mar. $17\frac{11}{12}$. Administracõn to be granted accord^{ly}."

Seven other documents relating to these affairs, one of which is a letter of a few days later date, viz. :—April 5. 10 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 21. 24. Memorial of M^{r} J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. Lays before his L^{p} copy of a paragraph of M^{r} Morice's letter relating to the pay of the officers *en second* serving in Portugal. M^{r} Morice has paid large sums to officers of regiments reduced in Portugal, and continues issuing large sums to the Spanish regiment of dragoons formed from deserters, for which regiment there is no establishment. Asks from what service the Deputy Paymaster in Portugal shall continue to pay. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 21 March 1711–12. 1 *page.*

March 21. 25. Copy of letter from the Board of Ordnance to the Earl of Dartmouth. The estimate for the train in Spain to the first instant would amount to 8,605*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* Dated Office of Ordnance, 21 March 1711–12. 1 *page.*

March 21. 26. Copy of another letter from the same to the same, respecting the repair of the damage done to the harbour of Portsmouth by the sea washing away the isthmus of land between Blockhouse Point and Gilkiker. Dated Office of Ordnance, 21 March 1711–12. 1½ *pages.*

March 22. 27. Report of Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Newcomen, who prayed for a pension for his services and sufferings, having lost his right hand

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at the battle of the Boyne, and since served in Portugal. Recommends a pension of 8*s.* a day as lieut.-col. of horse. Dated Whitehall, 22 March 1711-12.

The petition, and three other documents relating thereto. 5 *pages.*

March 22. 28. Affidavit of William Sharrett, collector of Excise in the Isle of Wight. By debts and money expended about a patent and by his long confinement, has become one of the poorest men living, not being worth 12*d.* Prays to be enlarged from prison. The Government might gain ten times his debt in a year, and put an end to a growing cheat apparently destructive of a noble revenue. Dated 22 Mar. 1711–12. 1 *page.*

March 22. 29. Memorial of James du Pré, Commissary of the Palatine Stores at New York, to the Lord High Treasurer. His L^{p} had told him (the Commissary) to apply to Parliament to be enabled to continue the manufacture of naval stores at New York. Col. Hunter had hitherto acted by her Majesty's instructions. Hoped his L^{p} would lay the matter before her Majesty, that it might come to Parliament with her Majesty's recommendation. Dated London, 22 March 1711–12.

Minuted:—"22 March $17\frac{11}{12}$. My Lord says he can do no more." 1 *page.*

March 24. 30. Copy of a letter from the Governor and Lieut.-Governor of Chelsea Hospital to Lord Lansdowne. The twelve old invalid companies (viz., those at Tinmouth, West Chester, and Hampton Court) had been formed about 20 years, and the other eight companies about four years; and money had been voted for them by Parliament. They had done duty at divers forts, and received the same pay as they would have received as out-pensioners. Dated Royal Hospital near Chelsea, 24 March 1711–12. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

March 24. 31. Lord Lansdowne to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Her Majesty has consented to renew the pension of Sir Scipio Hill, which he enjoyed in Scotland before the Union, and has directed a warrant to be prepared, but has left the arrears to the consideration of the Lord Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 24 Mar. 1711–12.

Minuted:—"7th Apr. 1712. There is no fund for satisfying any arrears." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 24. 32. The same to the same. Had prepared an establishment of the four Independent Companies to be employed in the garrison of Annapolis Royal, Dated Whitehall, 24 March 1711–12.

Also Brigadier Nicholson's letter thereon. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

March 25 33. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq^{re}. The Lord High Treasurer had ordered that they should pay William Slaughter, their Marshal at Plymouth, the whole money due to him between 1 Oct. 1711 and the last of Feb. following, being $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the money granted. They say:—"If it be his Lord^{p}'s express pleasure that we pay the same to him, we shall undoubtedly comply therewith, but as her Majesty has done us the honour to committ the business of this office to our care & management, we should be wanting to ourselves as well as unjust to the rest of our officers, and other concerned under us, if we should not represent to his Lord^{p} the true state of this matter," &c. They then set out the other claims on their office, and say that M^{r} Slaughter had made a false suggestion as to what the grant was intended for. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 25 March 1711–12.

Minuted:—"To be considered w^{n} the Treãrer of the Navy is here." 3 *pages.*

March 25. 34. "M^{r} Bruce's answer to M^{r} Harley's objections ag^{t} allowing the incidents in my late son Herbert's account of prizes. Given mee 25 March 1712."

[M^{r} Herbert was Receiver General of Prizes.] 1½ *pages.*

[? About March 25.] 35. "Orders, rules, and instructions to be observed for the future touching her Majesty's royal hospital near Chelsea and the out-pensioners belonging thereunto, in order to the admittance of such non-commissioned officers and soldiers that are or shall be disabled by wounds in fight (or other accidents in the service of the crown)." 2 *pages.*

March 25. 36. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Inclose letter to and reply from Lord Dartmouth relating to the train in Spain. Ask for provision of money for the same. Dated Office of Ordnance, 25 March 1712.

The letters named.

Minuted:—"Ordnance to be sent to (*sic*). It's proposed that this be supplyed out of the 330,000 for Spaine." 3 *pages.*

March 25. 37. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of the colonels of the four regiments that were shipwrecked "in the river of Canada," relating to the loss of their arms and accoutrements: recommending that relief should be afforded in consideration of the extraordinary accident. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 25 March 1712.

Minuted:—"5 April 1712. Agreed, but to be delivered by the Ordnance, & the reg^{ts} not to be charged." 5 *pages.*

March 25. 38. "An acco^{t} of the charge of the war in Portugal for three months, viz., from the 23rd day of December 1711 to the 25th day of March 1712 exclusive, upon the foot of the establishment proposed for the year 1711." 1 *page.*

March 25. 39. A draft of certain estimates for charges of war, including a regiment taken prisoners at Brihuega. Chiefly from Lady Day 1712. 2¼ *pages.*

March 25. 40. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits by command of her Majesty the petition of M^{r} Prodgers or Proger, claiming the benefit of a grant made to him by King Charles II. of 5,000*l.* (of which he had received but 1,000*l.*), afterwards commuted to 400*l.* per ann. until the full 4,000*l.* should be paid. Dated Whitehall, 25 March 1712.

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The petition mentioned. The petitioner says that he was the only servant living of King Charles I., and had served the Crown three score and sixteen years, and was nearly 90 years old.

Referred by the Queen to the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieut., to report on. 2 *pages.*

[After March 25.] 41. Petition of the Groom Keepers to the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Warden of the New Forest. 300*l.* were due to them for salary to Lady Day 1712. Pray his Grace to intercede with the Lord High Treasurer for them. Signed.

Minuted:—"A w^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page.*

March 26. 42. Com^{rs} for Accounts to the Lord High Treasurer. Ask for his L$^{p's}$ order for a quarter's salary, at 500*l.* a year each. Dated Essex House, 26 Mar. 1712. 1 *page.*

March 26. 43. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose a narrative of several gross and shameful frauds discovered at the port of Preston Pans. Recommend the dismissal of the officers and appointment of others chosen by them. Dated Customho., Edinburgh, 26 March 1712.

The narrative named which gives a great number of instances of the frauds. 8½ *pages.*

March 27. 44. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Burgh, Esq., as to the compounding for his debts to the crown with M^{r} Wicks, who was receiver of the plantation duties in the port of London. Dated 27 March 1712.

Minuted:—"Read 27th Mar. 1712. The Q. has no objection."

Copy of the above report and of a previous one from him of March 2, 1705, on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

March 28. 45. Lord Lansdowne to M^{r} Lowndes. Major-General Tatton had her Majesty's orders to review the Invalids and make a report of such as were fit to be incorporated into regiments as recruits. Dated Whitehall, 28 March 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 28. 46. Treasurer of the Navy (C. Cæsar) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The wives and attorneys of several seamen, turned over from H.M. ships "Essex," &c., were very importunate for their pay. Asks that at least 20,000*l.* should be ordered. Dated 28 Mar. 1712. 1 *page.*

March 28. 47. Representation of the Com^{rs} for Hackney Coaches to the Lord High Treasurer respecting M^{r} Wanley's claim as their housekeeper to possession of the whole house. Upon its first erection, in 1694, the office was kept in Duke S^{t}, Westminster, and in 1695 was removed into Surrey Street. Ask his Lordship's particular orders thereon. Dated Office for Hackney Coaches, 28 March 1712. 2 *pages.*

March 29. 48. Sir Stephen Fox to William Lowndes, Esq. Asks him to lay before the Lord Treasurer the case of M^{r} Wharton, receiver of revenue by hackney coaches and chairs. States what the duties and salary of the latter were, and the hardship it would be to take his lodgings from him. Dated 29 March 1712. 1 *page.*

March 29. 49. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir Barnabas Scudamore, concerning his account as late collector of Liverpool, he having been discharged from his office by the Com^rs^ and an arrear being due from him. They could not agree that his security should be discharged. Dated Custom House, London, 29 Mar. 1712.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition referred to. 3½ *pages.*

March 31. 50. Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, to ———. Encloses a letter. If it were not impertinent, would recommend the case of M^r^ Dawson, a merchant of Hull, who really is an honest man. Dated Lambeth House, 31 March 1712.

Docquetted:—"M^r^ Dawson praying paym^t^ of bounty on export of fish."

(The letter not now forthcoming.) 1 *page, quarto.*

March 31. 51. Lord Lansdowne to M^r^ Lowndes. It was her Majesty's pleasure that the enclosed report from the Duke of Ormond on the petitions of Major Stewart and Lieut. Carey for a provision for them on the establishment of half-pay in Ireland, should be laid before the Lord Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 31 Mar. 1712. 2 *pages.*

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April 1. 1. Memorial of Lord Lansdowne to the Lord High Treasurer as to the establishments of the forces for the current year's service. Dated 1 April 1712. 1½ *pages.*

April 2. 2. Copy of warrant docquetted:—"Lord Lieut. Ireland 40^s^ p ann. to each Palatine family in Ireland for 7 years to buy stock & utensils." Dated 28 March 1712. Entered at the Signet Office, 2 April 1712.

Entered in the *Irish Book*, Vol. VI., p. 266. 2 *pages.*

April 2. 3. Memorial of Francis, Lord Viscount Ryalton, late Cofferer of the Household, to the Lord High Treasurer. The privy seal for 70,000*l.* fell short of what was wanted by 842*l.* 6*s.* 6¼*d.* over and above the 4,000*l.* expected through the hands of Lord Masham, the present cofferer. Dated S^t^ James's, 2 Apr. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

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April 3. 4. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes. The Duke of Ormond desired the enclosed memorial to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer, that the debts of the memorialist, Col. Francis Alexander, and those of the regiment under his command in the Leeward Islands, might be paid. Dated Whitehall, April 3, 1712.

The memorial. 2 *pages.*

April 3. 5. A state of the debt of the Office for Sick and Wounded, &c. to Lady Day 1711, and from thence to Michaelmas Day following. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c. Apr. 3, 1712. 12½ *pages.*

April 3. 6. Order in Council on the petition of Albert Blacklock and other mariners of the "Eagle" transport, for a reward for saving officers and soldiers out of the "Colchester," transport, cast away in the "river Canada" in August past. Referring the matter to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 3 April 1712.

Minuted:—"16 June 1712. The petrs may deserve a reward, but its reasonable for the regt to pay it."

Two petitions and a certificate. 4 *pages.*

April 4. 7. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose an account of what was absolutely necessary to carry on their services (43,171*l.* 13*s.*), and pray payment in money, which would give a great life to the credit of the office. Dated Office of Ordnance, 4 April 1712.

Minuted:—"To negotiate a loane of the Bank on the tallys on the land tax last struck."

The account. 2 *pages.*

April 4. 8. Charles D'avenant to ———. Since the duties on woollen goods were taken off the merchants had entered greater quantities than were really exported to carry on some mystery of trade, which rendered it impossible to him to make a perfect computation. Had observed that few laws were effectual but such as executed themselves. The true way to get a correct account would be to lay a fresh outward duty on these goods. Dated 4 April 1712. 4 *pages.*

April 5. 9. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormond) to the Lord High Treasurer, recommending half-pay to Ensign Robert Renwick for his service in Ireland and his wounds received at the siege of Galway. Dated Whitehall, 5 Apr. 1712.

His petition. 2 *pages.*

April 5. 10. Report of Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes on the petition of John Philips, gent. As the petitioner was a gentleman of an ancient [English] family and reduced to want by the troubles in Ireland, and above 70 years of age, recommends him for a pension of 30*l.* per ann. on the civil list. Dated Whitehall, 5 April 1712.

The petition, and three other papers relating to the same matter. 5 *pages.*

April 5. 11. The same to the same. Encloses for the Lord High Treasurer, a letter from the Officers of Ordnance with an account of the charge of their office upon the expedition to Canada in the year 1711. Dated Whitehall, 5 Apr. 1712. 3 *pages.*

April 7. 12. The same to the same. As to subsistence of certain officers and men of Col. Fielding's regiment, &c. Dated Whitehall, 7 Apr. 1712. 2 *pages.*

April 8. 13. Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to ———. The officers of customs and merchants residing within the extent of the lights off the Isle of May or entrance of the Firth of Forth and River Tay (that is, from St Abbs Head to the Todd Head) had often complained of the interruption of trade by privateers carrying from four to twelve guns. Proposed that a small frigate of 24 or 30 guns be stationed at the Isle of May, to prevent the running of goods, &c. The limits of the cruise would include eight ports (Edinburgh and the most populous places lying there). From these ports, and particularly Borrowstoness, Glasgow, and the west of Scotland were supplied with Holland goods. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 8 April 1712.

Minuted :—"12 May 1712. To be sent to ye Lds of the Admlty, & desire that their Lps will appt a prop guard." "Lr̃e sent 13th do." 2 *pages.*

April 8. 14. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes. Her Majesty had commanded him to transmit for the Lord Treasurer's consideration the case of Major Robinson, and other officers of Lt-Genl Palmes's regiment, who had suffered extremely in being taken prisoners. Dated Whitehall, 8 April 1712.

The memorial of Major Robinson and others.

Minuted :—"There doth not appear to be any fund for bearing the loss of the equipage. That for ye horses is put into the demand for extrys." 2 *pages.*

April 9. 15. Copy of return of the Comrs of Customs to an order of the House [of Commons] of 11 March 1711–12, on a petition of Thomas Brooke and John Hellier, of London, merchants, importers of wine. They were retailers also, and therefore were not entitled to the 8 per cent. allowed to other importers. An alteration in the Act is proposed. Dated 9 April 1712.

The petition.

Minuted :—"April 9th 1712. Read." 4 *pages.*

April 9. 16. "Custom House, London, 9 Apr. 1712. An accot of the arrears standing out on the $\frac{2}{3}$ subsidy which determined the 7th March 1711–12." 1 *page.*

April 9. 17. Memorial from the Treasurer of the Navy to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking that 6,092*l.* 8*s.* 7$\frac{1}{2}$*d.* might be directed for payment of Parliament tickets. Dated 9 April 1712.

Minuted :—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

April 9. 18. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Had last year recommended Capt. William Philips for a pension of 200*l.* a year on the establishment of Ireland. Sir Thomas Hanmer con-

1712. cerned himself much for this gentleman's success. Her Majesty was inclined to grant it, and wished him (the Duke) to signify the same. Dated Whitehall, 9 April 1712

Minuted:—"Wt sign'd 18th July 1712." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 10. 19. Memorial of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lord High Treasurer. Should immediately want 13,984*l.* 18*s.* 6½*d.* for the charge of freight, for horses and men, for clothing and recruiting the army in Flanders, carrying a foot regiment to the West Indies, &c. Dated Transport Office, 10 April 1712.

At the foot is:—"Memd If my Lord Treãrer does not think proper to issue the money for this service out of the Excheqr, the Bank of England are willing to give 14,000*l.* for that sum in tallys upon malt 1710, being part of those remayning in the hands of the Treãrer of the Transports, to beare interest from the day of advancing the money."

Minuted:—"Read 12th Apr. 1712. Ord'd."

"St. James.—At the Counll [?], &c. The Queen present, Apr. 14, 1712. Her Maties pleasure is that a stop be put to the taking up any more transports, or any provision for carrying the regimt mentiond to the West Indies, until the Lords have considerd this affair again, & deliverd their Lps opinion to ye Queen thereupon." 1 *page.*

April 10. 20. Report of Lord Lansdowne and Mr Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Brigadier Alexander Grant, for subsistence and levy money. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 10 April 1712.

The memorial, and an abstract of what was due.

Minuted:—"1 May 1712. Their subsistence to Xber to be paid. Mr Sloper is desired to state ye same & sign it underneath this." He states that it amounts to 2,234*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* 5 *pages.*

April 10. 21. Report of the Comrs of Accounts (Meadows and Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Earl of Clarendon, "wherein Mr Champante, formerly agent to the four companies at New York, is likewise concerned in a claim to the sum of 1,712*l.* 11. 5." being the subsistence of those companies.

They lay before his Lp certain other reports on the same subject, and would lay before him such information as they could obtain from an officer of one of those companies expected from Ireland, &c. Dated Privy Gardens, 10 April 1712.

Five other papers.

Minuted:—"10 Apr. 1712. To be done as reported." 11½ *pages.*

April 10. 22. J. Burchett to Mr Taylour, at the Treasury Chambers. The Lords of the Admiralty had ordered Sir Hovenden Walker to give an account of the progress in passing his accounts. Dated Admiralty Office, 10 April 1712. 1 *page.*

April 11. 23. Mr Brydges' report to the Lord High Treasurer, on Mr Beaumont's demand for forage. Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 11 April 1712.

Also copy of one of the articles of contract.

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Minuted:—“11th Apr. 1712. If this advance be allowed in the dem^{d} to be laid before the House to-day, directions will be sent to M^{r} Sweet by next Tuesday’s post to pay the rest of the advance m^{o}.” 3 *pages.*

April 12. 24. “An accompt shewing the quantities of wrought silks imported into England, with the duties computed thereupon by a medium of three years from Christmas 1707 to Christmas 1710.” Dated Custom Ho., Inspector-Gen^{ls} Office, 12 April 1712. 2 *large pages.*

April 12. 25. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer. Could not find a convenient place, as directed, in or near the Exchequer to serve for an office for Bernard Hutchins, Esq., paymaster of the moneys arisings by the Act for raising 1,500,000*l.* by way of lottery for the service of the year 1711; but thought a house must be hired, and some considerable room built for the deposit of the books and papers that the present business produced. Dated Exchequer, 12 April 1712.

Minuted:—“14 April 1712. Read.” 1 *page.*

April 14. 26. Memorial of C. Godolphin to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses an abstract of the shipping and trade in the several ports for the year ending at Christmas last; also encloses copy of a bill to encourage the building of ships in Britain, which of all other manufactures was the most necessary to preserve the strength and wealth of the nation. Dated Custom House, London, 14 April 1712.

The first named enclosure. 3 *pages.*

April 14. 27. William Blathwayt to ———, as to the appointment of an officer, independent of the governor, as receiver of casual revenue in the Leeward Islands. Dated Whitehall, 14 April 1712.

Minuted:—“My Lord will consider of a proper officer.” 2½ *pages.*

April 14. 28. Answer of Major John Webb to the report of the Board of Ordnance on his accounts relating to Gibraltar, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 14 April 1712.

Minuted:—“17 Apr. 1712. Ordnance to certifye in w^{t} particulars the instructions were not pursued.” 2 *pages.*

April 15. 29. “An account of the charge for one month for freight of ships abroad in her Majesties transport service, as also for salaries for one year to the agents abroad for transport service.” Dated Transport Office, April 15, 1712. 1 *page.*

April 15. 30. “Estimate of the charge of four ships hired to transport a regiment of foot, consisting of 725 men, from Ireland to the West Indies, and to bring another back.” Same date, 1 *page.*

[? About April 15.] 31. Memorial of Col. Edward Jones to the Lord High Treasurer, as to allowance for clothing of his regiment out of contingencies.

Minuted:—“15 Apr. 1712. A neg. was putt by the House of Com̃ons.” 1 *page.*

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[? About April 15.] 32. Petition of Maurice Houston, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. His employment as searcher in the port of Carlisle was taken from him by the Union; prays to be provided for.

On the back is:—"Vide the report of 15th April 1712. Entered in the Custome book." 1 *page.*

April 16. 33. Com^rs^ of Customs, Scotland, to William Lowndes, Esq^re^. Had suspected the officers at Borrowstoness and sent up two land-waiters and several tide-waiters from Leith, after which several small goods were entered, and other prohibited goods seized, and more would have been, but that two of their waiters were forcibly shut up. A seizure of brandy and whalebone was forcibly carried away. Their inquiries after the persons concerned had so alarmed them that M^r^ Hamilton, agent for the Duke of Hamilton (who they believed always concerned himself in these frauds) had on their behalf offered to compound, by paying a reasonable sum, but they (the Com^rs^) could not accept the offer without the Lord Treasurer's sanction. A cellar at Leith, in which certain brandy seized at Orkney, and some gunpowder, &c. were kept, was broken open and the goods carried off. If some proclamation could be had it would be an assistance. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 16 April 1712. 2 *pages.*

April 16. 34. Lord Shrewsbury to the Lord High Treasurer. Had agreed by the Queen's orders for a house ready furnished, to receive Mons. Little, minister from the Czar of Muscovy, during his stay, being the same that the late Muscovite minister resided in, at the rent of 400*l.* per ann., besides fees and extraordinaries for necessaries and damages. Desired orders to be given to the Treasurer of the Chamber for six months rent. Dated 16 April 1712. 1 *page.*

April 16. 35. Caleb Wade, commander of H.M. ship "Adventure," to the Lord High Treasurer. Complains of malicious charges raised against him by one Robert Mews, a sailor, and of a verdict obtained against him in his absence. Prays to be discharged from his Exchequer suit, and for employment. Dated London, 16 April 1712.

Minuted:—"16 Apr. 1712. M^r^ Stephens to report, and if there be room for the Q's favour my Lord will assist him." 3 *pages.*

[? About April 16.] 36. Memorial of Captain Thomas Kempthorne, lately commander of H.M. ship "Burford," to the Lord High Treasurer. When in command of the "Roebuck," in company with the "Antelope," chased an enemy's ship called the "Julius Cæsar," and drove ashore and bulged and afterwards burnt the same near Villa Novo. Was tried by court-martial and acquitted. Had one James White, a surgeon on board, tried by court-martial for scandalous words spoken of her Majesty, for which he was broke. Prays his L^p^ not to order a prosecution against him, instigated by the said White.

Minuted:—"16 April 1712. Ref. to M^r^ Baker and M^r^ Gosselin." 1 *page.*

April 16. 37. Petition of William Clutterbuck to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that he might not be under a disadvantage in the receipt of his pay by not producing his warrant as searcher of Customs at Bristol, which was mislaid.

Referred to the Com^{rs} of Customs, 16 April 1712. 1 *page.*

April 16. 38. Lord Lansdowne to M^{r} Lowndes. Encloses an extract of the cases of several officers who had quitted the enemy's service, but not meeting with the provision they expected had come to England for relief. Gives the terms of her Majesty's proclamation, which induced them to quit the enemy's service. This being a public faith ought to have been complied with. Some consideration ought to have been taken of them by recommending them to the Emperor, or some other of her Majesty's allies, and such bounty given to them as would allow them to repair thither. Dated Whitehall, 16 April 1712. 2 *pages.*

April 16. 39. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the draft of a bill for encouraging the transportation of naval stores of the growth and produce of North Britain. Submitted whether the goods from North Britain deserved so great a premium as they received, and drew attention to the facility of importation from the Baltic, and of their reshipment as the goods of North Britain. Dated 16 Apr. 1712.

Minuted:—" A copy of this to be given the Chancell^{r}."

Also, " An account what quantities of naval stores from the plantations have received certificates of their goodness in order to the allowance of the premium," &c. 3 *pages.*

April 16. 40. East India Company to the Lord High Treasurer. Had always had six months to pay half their customs, and six months more for the other half, but by a difference between the Com^{rs} and the Company this was now objected to. They could not, however, carry on their trade and pay their customs otherwise. Pray his L^{p}'s directions to the Com^{rs} to agree with the Company as formerly. Dated East India House, 16 April 1712.

Minuted:—" 16 April 1712. M^{r} Att. thinks it hard on y^{e} company, and that as the law stands there cannot be releife but by a clause to be passed in Parl^{t}. Com^{rs} Customes have no objeccõn. The comp^{a} counsel to prepare a clause and attend M^{r} Attorney, who will consult the Comm^{rs} Cust. thereupon." 1 *page.*

[? About April 17.] 41. Petition of Mary, Lady Dowager Blayney, to the Queen. Her husband had suffered very much in his fortune by the war in Ireland, and the late King and Queen gave him a pension of 20*s.* a day, and on his death the half thereof was continued to the petitioner: prays for the grant of the other moiety for maintenance of herself and four children, now grown up.

Minuted:—" 17 Apr. 1712. Ref. to L^{d} L^{t} of Ireld." 1 *page.*

[? About Apr. 17.] 42. Sir Robert Davers to Lord ———. Would wait upon his L^{p} to beg his favour about the officer for the stamps in Suffolk. The man that Sir Thomas Paumer and he (Sir Robert) had recommended, died of the smallpox, and M^{r} Freeman had been recommended to them. Beg his Lordship's recommendation of him to their "Governor the Auditor" that he might succeed Mr Ingham.

Minuted:—"17 Apr. 1712. Write to Mr Freeman to succeed. The lrẽ sent." 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

April 17. 43. A state of the contingencies of the army and hospital in Spain for the year 1711. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 17 April 1712.

There is a note at the foot that his Lordship would see "that they would apply the contingent money to the Queen's Bounty, which was given by her Majesty to the Lord Forbes and Col. Killigrew, and leave the hospital destitute," which it was hoped his Lordship would not allow. 2 *pages.*

[? About Apr. 17.] 44. Petition to the Queen of Elizabeth Keasey, widow of Richard Keasey, late serjeant in Captain Powell's company in Lord Shannon's regiment. Her father and three brothers lost their lives in her Majesty's service, and her husband, in a fight against the French at Martinico, after he had slain 15 men, was killed on board the "Old Adventure." Was sole administratrix to her husband, to whom an arrear of pay of 40*l.* was due. The Colonel's answer to her was, that he had not received the pay. Prays an allowance out of the royal bounty till the arrears were paid.

Minuted:—"17 Apr. 1712. Admty to be applyed to. These regts being under their Lordp̃s discipline & care." 1 *page.*

April 17. 45. John Lansdell to Wm Lowndes, Esq. The Bank was willing to lend 18,000*l.* on the 20,000*l.* tallies on the 15th 4*s.* aid in the Treasurer of the Ordnance's hands, with a minute from the Treasury to be repaid with interest at 6 per cent. in two months. Requested the minute. Dated 17 Apr. 1712.

Minuted:—"Ordnance. A minute accordgly." 1 *page.*

April 17. 46. "Philopatra" to William Lowndes, Esq., being his proposal for laying a duty on coaches, saddle-horses, footmen, swords, hounds, setting-dogs, bachelors, married men not having children, gaming, diversions, and wine. Dated "From my study, 17 April 1712." 1 *page.*

April 22. 47. Various papers containing the receipts of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty, by John Dod, Receiver, between 1702 and 1712. The last is dated 22 April 1712. 40 *pages or parts.*

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April 23. 1. Report of Lord Lansdowne, P. Meadows, and Ja. Bruce to the Lord High Treasurer, as to a method for reducing the troops on the establishment for Spain and Portugal, so that the expense might not exceed the vote by parliament. Dated 23 April 1712.

Also, "List of all the regiments of horse, foot, & dragoons in her Majesty's service, beginning with the youngest corps, according to the dates of their raising, and so upwards, out of which thirty-two regiments (including those already reduced) are to be reduced or transferred to the establishment of Ireland, to supply the vacancys thereon, no further provision being made by Parliament for the same."

Minuted:—"Apr. 24, 1712. To be laid before ye Queen & the Lords." 14 *pages*.

April 23. 2. Francis Palmes to the Lord [? High Treasurer]. Lays before his Lp a state of what was due to him for his late employment in her Majesty's service at Vienna and Turin. Asks for payment especially as Lord Townsend and some others (whose employment has determined) have cleared their whole arrears. Dated Lond., 23 April 1712.

Minuted:—"April 23d 1712. Mr Powys to state this demand."

Four other papers relating thereto, including the "state" above referred to. 5 *pages*.

April 23. 3. Proposal of Joseph Denham addressed to William Lowndes, Esq., to lay a toll of 1*s*. in the pound on horses bought or sold, bartered or "trickt away," also a duty on packhorses, or on those that draw a waggon. Dated 23 April 1712. 1 *page and* 2 *halves, quarto*.

[About April 23.] 4. "A state of what will be necessary to clear the subsistence of her Majesty's forces, prisoners in Spain, from the 23d of April 1712 to 22 Dec. next." 2 *pages*.

April 24. 5. J. Burchett to John Taylor, Esq., Treasury Chambers. Encloses a copy of a letter from Captain Gordon, commander of H.M. ship "Lowestoff," in answer to a petition of William Penn, Esq., and to other papers relating to a prize seized by the captain. Dated Admiralty Office, 24 Apr. 1712.

The copy named. 4 *pages*.

April 24. 6. Mr Richard Crawley to the same. Had then 2,131*l*. 4*s*. 8¾*d*. of salvage money in his hands, and had received no other droits or perquisites of Admiralty. Had accounted before the Auditor for all salvage money by him received during the time of the late Lord High Admiral and paid the balance of it into the Exchequer. Dated Ds Commons, 24 Apr. 1712.

An extract from letters patent of 20 Dec., 9 Anne, on the subject of Admiralty droits. 3 *pages*.

April 24. 7. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes. Her Majesty had expressed her inclinations that the arrears, due to Sir Timothy Daly, Major Jennings, and Captain Cowdell, who quitted the enemy's service for her Majesty's, should be paid, and that they should be recommended to her allies. Dated Whitehall, 24 April 1712.

Also a list of the officers who had so quitted the French service. 4 *pages*.

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April 24. 8. The same to the same. Desired the Lord Treasurer might be moved on the petition of the officers of invalids formed the last year. They were in extreme want. Same date.

The petition from the invalid officers at the Tower.

Minuted :—" M^{r} Merrill in case these officers are within the provic̃on made by parlt is to make a demand for them on his next mem^{ll} for subsistence.

" There is no establishment for these comp^{as} that M^{r} Howe knowes of, and the 60,000*l.* given by parliam^{t} on acco^{t} for the Roy^{ll} Hosp^{l} and invalids being very short of y^{e} estimate for that service, M^{r} Howe hath not yet rec^{d} any directions how that sum is intended to be applyed." 2 *pages.*

April 24. 9. Affidavit of Charles D'Avenant, of the city of London, Doctor of Laws, with regard to the sale of a pension of 500*l.* per ann. granted by her Majesty to the R^{t} Hon. Arthur Earl of Granard. Sworn 24 Apr. 1712. 1 *page.*

April 25. 10. Report of James Brydges, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer in relation to the clothing of the serjeants, prisoners at Almanza. Nothing remained in his hands to satisfy the demands. Dated Pay Office, 25 Apr. 1712.

Their memorial and two papers on the same subject.

Minuted :—" 16 June 1712. This being the case my Lord can do nothing herein." 2 *pages.*

April 25. 11. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from Bernard Hutchins, Esq., paymaster of the 1,500,000*l.* lottery, granted A.D. 1711. Was directed to pay certain lottery tickets. Evil persons had forged several tickets. Lord Halifax had reported that no convenient place could be found for the execution of his (Hutchins') office. Had applied to the Bank of England to make the payment, but they would not undertake it unless the tickets were checked by the proper officer, or they were indemnified for any forgeries. Could not without great hazard pay the same unless checked, &c. Dated 25 Apr. 1712.

Minuted :—" 26 April 1712. My Lord is of opinion the difficulty of paying in respect to the danger of counterfeits needs not to be insisted on. The money is wanted, and my Lord says (M^{r} Hutchins being present) that the payment must not be longer delayed. Write to Lord Halifax to put M^{r} Hutchins into the possession of the rooms, or one of them, now in the pos̃sion of Horne & Edwards." 2 *pages.*

April 25. 12. Lord Lansdowne to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends a " state " of the savings proposed to be made on the forces and garrisons in Great Britain, so as to reduce the charge within the money voted by Parliament, and to provide for the garrison at Annapolis and enlarge the fund for contingencies; for the Lord Treasurer's approbation. Dated Whitehall, 25 Apr. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

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April 26. 13. Report of M^{r} J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major-Gen^{l} Handasyde for an allowance of interest on tallies on malt. Dated 26 Apr. 1712.

Minuted:—"To be allowed from the 22 Xbr. last and no further." 2 *pages* (*a piece at the right-hand side torn away*).

April 28. 14. Petition of David Burton of Edinburgh, glazier, and John Lethem of the same place, smith, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of their bills for work and necessaries for the castle of Edinburgh and the palace of Holyrood.

Two affidavits, dated 28 April 1712, and several accounts. 18 *pages*.

April 28. 15. Report of William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Ogden. The petitioner was convicted for a trespass, assault, and wounding, and for two other trespasses, and was fined altogether 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and committed to the Marshalsea prison, Southwark. The minister and churchwardens of S^{t} Olaves, Southwark, recommend him as an object of charity. Dated 28 April 1712.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition and recommendation. 2 *pages*.

April 28. 16. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Taylour. Offer certain proposals for victualling the garrisons of Port Mahon and Gibraltar. Dated Victualling Office, 28 April 1712. 3 *pages*.

April 29. 17. J. Burchett to John Taylour, Esq. Sends by order of the Admiralty a copy of their memorial which was laid before Her Majesty last night, relating to the victualling of the garrisons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, to be laid before the Lord Treasurer. By Admiral Baker's account the garrison of Gibraltar was in so great want of provisions that unless some speedy care were taken he did not know what the consequence might be. Dated Admiralty Office, 29 April 1712.

The copy mentioned.

Minuted:—"Extracts for vict. & direct them to attend on Fryday with a demand & the quantitys they propose to send." 2½ *pages*.

April 29. 18. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer praying for an order for a further supply of 25,171*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* to pay the sums in the enclosed account. Dated Office of Ordnance, 29 April 1712.

The account named. 2 *pages*.

April 30. 19. Lord Lansdowne to the Earl of Dartmouth. Sends a list of the officers *en second*, distinguishing what regiments they belong to and where they respectively were, &c. Dated Whitehall, 30 April 1712 (copy).

Minuted:—"May 5 1712. To be certified to ye Lords."

The list named. 4½ *pages*.

April. 20. "M^{r} Morice's accompt. for the month of April 1712." [Receipts and disbursements for the army abroad.] 3 *pages* (*imperfect*).

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[? April or May.] 21. " List of several officers who have petitioned to be allowed half-pay in consideration of their former services in the army, with a state of their pretensions, the amount of their half-pay, and by whom recommended for the same."

[The services, wounds, and other particulars of each of them are set out. The date is inferred from one of the persons being wounded at the battle of Saragossa, which was fought apparently 20 months before the list was made out.] 3 *pages.*

[About May 1.] 22. Petition of Lieut. Terrence Hearne to the Lord High Treasurer. Was some years page to the late Countess of Peterborough, went to Spain with the Earl, was with his L^{p} at the taking of Monjewick and Barcelona, where he was sore wounded, but attended his L^{p} in every expedition there, for which his L^{p} honoured him with a pair of colours in Col. Alnutt's regiment of foot. Was taken at " Brewagua " [Brihuega] and had just got home after much hardship. Asked his L^{p}, the Earl's best friend, to make provision for him. " R. May 1 1712." 1 *page.*

May 1. 23. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a grant of 14,138*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* for the home ports. Dated 1 May 1712. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

May 1. 24. Similar memorial for 34,356*l.* 15*s.* $6\frac{1}{4}$*d.* for the foreign service. Same date. 1 *page.*

May 2. 25. Com^{rs} of Transport to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Ask that the Lord High Treasurer should be moved for the payment of their bills registered in course. Dated Transport Office, 2 May 1712. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

May 2. 26. R. Howe to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Sir Simeon Stuart had cut down 300 of the best trees at Binswood in Holt Forest, and declared he would cut down all that wood. The workmen employed lived remote from the place, those who lived in the adjacent parishes and had a right of herbage and pannage in Binswood as part of the forest, refused to work for him, knowing he had no right to cut the same. If a speedy stop were not put to it, others would take the like liberty, and the timber and venison would be totally destroyed. Dated London, 2 May 1712. 1 *page.*

[About May 2.] 27. " William Lowen's acc^{t} of bringing up 100^{d} red deer from Houghton Park to Windsor Forest."

" R. May 2, 1712, from S^{r} W^{m} Wyndham." 3 *pages.*

May 2. 28. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses copies of letters as to the charge of the train in Spain. Ask his L^{ps} commands as to the bills drawn upon them for subsistence of the train. Dated Office of Ordnance, 2 May 1712. The enclosures are not with it. 1 *page.*

[About May 3.] 29. Memorial of Samuel Edwin, usher of the Exchequer. Claims to furnish the orders for the lottery of 1,500,000*l.*, and to be protected in his rights and perquisites of his office.

Minuted:—"June 16th 1712. My Lord determines this for those that will do the duty cheapest."

This memorial was before his Lp on 3 May 1712, see *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII. p. 184'; and again on 5 May, see *Ib.*, p. 185. 1 *page and 3 lines.*

May 3. 30. Samuel Lynn to Mr Taylour about certain officers on half pay and en second in Brigadier Sutton's regiment. Dated Whitehall, 3 May 1712.

Also a certificate of Captain Gardner as to their service. 3 *pages.*

May 3. 31. Comrs of Victualling to the same as to the proportion of provisions to be sent to Gibraltar. Advise that the same should be sent from Lisbon. Dated Victualling Office, 3 May 1712.

Three other papers as to the victualling and persons victualled there. 11½ *pages.*

[About May 6.] 32. Memorial of the Duke of Northumberland to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays a warrant for payment of his allowance for two and a quarter years, at 10*s.* a day, as Captain and Governor of Windsor Castle.

"R. May 6, 1712. Draw a warrant." 1 *page.*

May 8. 33. William Lowndes to the Comrs of the Accounts of the Army as to the rendering of a distinct account of the stores brought back from the expedition to Canada. His Lp did not agree to their being sent to Spain. Might they not be supplied to Chelsea Hospital or to the Invalids? Dated Treasury Chambers, 8 May 1712. [? A copy, as it is not in Lowndes', the Secretary of the Treasury's handwriting.] 2 *pages.*

May 8. 34. Representation from the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland (Smith and Scrope) for a further allowance of 200*l.* a year to Mr Douglas, Receiver General of the Land Tax.

Minuted:—"8th May 1712. My Lord agrees to this proposal, & directs a warrt to be prepared accordingly." 1 *page.*

May 9. 35. Report of Thomas Atterbury to the Lord High Treasurer on Mr Couchman's bills. His journey from London to Hanover and back to London would "stand him in" about 60*l.*, and his late journey to the Hague and other places with the Hon. Mr. Harley might have cost 40*l.*, so that 100*l.* might be sufficient. Dated 9 May 1712.

Minuted:—"12 May 1712. My Lord ordrs the 128li due on ye bills but no salary." 2 *pages.*

May 9. 36. Report of the Comrs for Transports to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George England and others, owners of four ships employed in the late expedition to Canada. The Victualling Office ought to make them allowance for the delay in unloading their cargoes. Dated Transport Office, 9 May 1712.

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

May 9. 37. Copy of the representation of the officers of Her Majesty's Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the hardships of their

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office by payments to them in tin tallies. If their tallies were delivered into their hands, they would be at a discount of 32 per cent. Pray that they may have interest at 6 per cent. Dated 9 May 1712.

Minuted:—"When they are at a more reasonable disco^{t} my Lord will reconsider this mem^{l}." 1½ *pages.*

May 9. 38. Petition of Sir Solomon de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Had already solemnly declared to his L^{p} that he could go no further with the payment of the bills drawn and redrawn for carrying on her Majesty's service, accepted by Moses de Medina, whose credit, tho' one of the best on 'Change, lay at stake, as well as his (Sir Solomon's). They had both of them sold and pawned all they had in the world. Unless they had 20,000*l.* at least, their ruin and that of their families must immediately follow, and the credit of the nation would certainly suffer, everybody knowing that the Government was indebted to him (the petitioner) about 60,000*l.* Dated 9 May 1712.

Minuted:—"9 May 1712. What appears to be due on the Aud^{rs} rep^{t} to be paid as soon as it shall be brought in." 1 *page.*

May 9. 39. Report of the Officers for Works to the Lord High Treasurer, giving their opinion as to what they thought was reasonable to be allowed for works for the Mews at Charing Cross and Kensington, between 1705 and 1711. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 9 May 1712. 1½ *pages.*

May 12. 40. Board of Green Cloth to the Lord [High Treasurer]. 4 hogsheads and 21 chests of Burgundy, hermitage, and champagne wines had been sent for from Holland by her Majesty's direction and for her service, which had been seized by the Surveyor of Customs. Desired that the Queen's moiety might be discharged, as had been the case formerly. Dated Board of Greencloth, 12 May 1712. 1 *page.*

[May 12]. 41. William Penn to the Lord High Treasurer. Till he could enjoy a few moments with his L^{p}, asks for a warrant to be prepared to the officers of Customs in Pennsylvania to suffer the goods condemned for false trading to be exported, in order that waiting and warehouse room might not eat out the Queen's third and his own.

P.S.—Asks his L^{p} to present his memorial. Dated 12 Cur^{t} 1712. [The docquet states that is 12 May 1712.]

Minuted:—"Send to C. C. to give my Lord an acco^{t} of what they thinke prop to be done." 1 *page, holograph.*

May 12. 42. Memorial of Rob^{t} Walpole, Esq., to the Lord [High Treasurer] for the disposing of 10,800*l.* tallies and 800*l.* in money for defalcations made on ships' books, the same being due to Greenwich Hospital and the chest at Chatham. Dated 12 May 1712.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

May 12. 43. W^{m} Wogan to Lord ———. The Duke of Ormond had recommended to his L^{p} the payment of the arrears of an annuity of 150*l.* to his father and mother, and the establishment of the same for the future. Their lands, "wares," and mills, worth 500*l.* a year, had been granted to the Crown. Proposed that 500*l.* a year should be paid. Dated 12 May 1712.

Minuted:—"The w^{t} to be p̃pared accordingly." 1 *page.*

[? About May 13.] 44. Memorial of "several merchants" to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be paid the two thirds of the value of bills drawn on account of the Canada expedition, without an abatement of 5 per cent. On the back is:—"13 May 1712." 1 *page.*

[? About May 13.] 45. Similar memorial of Micajah Perry and several other merchants for one fourth of their bills. ? About the same time.

List of the bills. 2 *pages.*

May 14. 46. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the Earl of Derby, and on an Act passed in the Isle of Man for preventing the shipping off goods there, in order to be run in Great Britain and Ireland: proposing other clauses, &c. Dated Custom House, London, 14 May 1712.

Minuted:—"14th May 1712. Copy of so much of this rep^{t} as relates to the E. of Derby to be sent to his Lord^{p}. As to the 5 tun of wine, &c., proposed to be allowd to be imported, duty free, by y^{e} Earl of Derby, my Lord thinkes it more for y^{e} Q^{s} service that an equivalent in m^{o} should be allowd him, rather y^{n} ye dutys."

Five enclosures, one of which is a letter from Lord Derby. 15½ *pages.*

May 14. 47. Report of the Com^{rs} for Trade to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Lee Esq^{re}, executor in trust for the younger children of the late Earl of Stirling; relating to a large tract of land in America, comprehending part of New York and Long Island, conveyed by the said Earl to the then Duke of York in or about the year 1663, and to the arrears of an annuity of 300*l.* per ann., due to the said Earl, or his executors, in compensation thereof; the whole with the interest amounting to 9,600*l.* The Comm^{rs} did not know how the revenue of New York had been expended, and could not inform his L^{p} whether there had been any surplusage, to compensate the petitioners for their pension and the interest thereon. Dated Whitehall, 14 May 1712.

Minuted:—"Read 28th June 1712. There doth not appear to my Lord Treãr to be any surplus out of w^{ch} the wthin menc̃ond debt can be paid."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

May 14. 48. M^{r}. J. Burchett to John Taylor, Esq. The Lords of the Admiralty had recommended to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to send one of the ships under his direction to cruise at the Isle of May. Dated Admiralty Office, 14 May 1712. 1 *page.*

May 14. 49. "John Williams his reply to the report of the Com^{rs} of the Mint against his proposal for advancing the price and selling all her Ma^{ties} tyn." Addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 14 May 1712.

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Minuted :—"14 May 1712. This is a wild proposall & if put in practice must wrack the invencõns of men to substitute something w^{ch} may be found out instead of tyn, or to seek tyn from any country but England. For if any comodity be overburthened in price, the trade for the same cannot but sink and be depressed." 3 *pages, quarto.*

May 14. 50. Com^{rs} for Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. "Port Chester Castle" would appear to be a very proper place for erecting a brewhouse, or a brewhouse at Portsmouth would be of very great advantage if it could be purchased. Dated Victualling Office, 14 May 1712.

Minuted :—"To be considerd when Com^{rs} attend next." 2 *pages.*

[? About May 14.] 51. Account of money disbursed by John Netmaker, Commissary of the stores to the expedition to Canada, for contingent charges, &c. About 14 May 1712, from an entry. 3 *pages.*

May 16. 52. Auditor of Imprest's (Harley) report to the Lord [High Treasurer] on Sir Solomon de Medina's bread and bread waggon accounts for the year 1711. Dated 16 May 1712.

Minuted :—"19 May 1712. The ballance of this acc^{t} to be forthwith issued to M^{r} Brydges." 4½ *pages.*

May 20. 53. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer, on the instructions for M^{r} Henry Watkins, appointed inspector of the Extraordinaries of the war in Flanders. Enclose a draft of the instructions which they propose should be sent. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 20th May 1712.

The instructions named.

Minuted :—"A copy of the draft of instructions sent to M^{r} Sec^{ry} S^{t}. John, 3 June 1712. Vide the Lrẽ book." 4 *pages.*

May 20. 54. Report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Taylour on the petition of the owners of four ships employed in the late expedition to Canada. On the return of these vessels they had divers stores on board, which they (the Com^{rs}) refused to receive, as contrary to their practice. The Com^{rs} for Transport should compensate the owners for the detention of the ships if it were thought necessary. Should this be done it would establish a precedent. Dated Victualling Office, 20 May 1712.

Minuted :—"Read 22th May 1712. My Lord says he cannot by any means make a preced^{t} that may prove so prejudicial to her Mat$^{'s}$ service as the Com^{rs} are apprehensive this might be." 2 *pages.*

[? About May 21.] 55. J. Dixon to the Lord High Treasurer. Was arrested by an attachment from the Court of Exchequer for want of an answer to the bill against him for "compounding of beer with the pursers of her Majesty's ships." Prayed his Lordship's favour.

Minuted :—"21 May 1712. Write to M^{r} Borrett." 1 *page.*

[? About May 22.] 56. Memorial and copy of letter of M^{r} Lowndes for John Clarke to succeed M^{r} Cheney in a stamper's place. The latter dated 22 May 1712. 2 *pages, quarto.*

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May 23. 57. "Memorial of the Directors of the South Sea Company, concerning army and transport debentures to be subscribed into the South Sea Stock." Dated South Sea House, 23 May 1712.

Enclose memorial of the proprietors of army and transport debentures. Signed. 2 *pages.*

May 24. 58. Samuel Lynn to Mr Lowndes. As to the mustering of the troops and garrisons in Great Britain. Lord Lansdowne desired the Lord Treasurer would direct the Commissaries to proceed therein. Dated Whitehall, 24 May 1712.

Minuted :—"Only to 24 June next. Not to take any adve thereof from yt time." 1 *page.*

May 25. 59. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on a report of the Comrs of Customs as to the destruction of damaged tobacco, &c. Suggests the propriety of the Comrs proposing a clause to prevent fraudulent drawbacks. Dated 25 May 1712.

The report and two other papers relating thereto. 5 *pages.*

May 27. 60. "An account of the debt for transporting her Majesty's forces remaining unsatisfied upon the register, payable in course, on contracts made before the 29th Septembr 1711, viz., from the 29th Septembr 1711 to the 30th April 1712." Dated Transport Office, 27 May 1712.

Minuted :—"28 May 1712. See wt the proporcõns are and let this be assigned in case it do not exceed. [Added after] There is no proporcõns, but a rule that all debts on contracts before 29 7br 1711 shall be paid out of South Sea Stock." 1 *page.*

May 28. 61. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Signifies the great necessity of the undertakers for bread and bread waggons. Prays that the money due to them may be paid according to the contract. Dated "Camp at Cateau Cambresis," 8 June 1712. [? N.S., *i.e.*, 28 May.]

Memorandum relating thereto.

Minuted :—"9th June 1712. Mr Brydges to bring a memll for this to-morrow." 3 *pages, quarto.*

May 28. 62. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes, in answer to his letter of the 29th March. Sends a list of warrants remaining in Mr Brydges' hands unsatisfied. Dated Whitehall, 28 May 1712.

The list referred to. 8 *pages.*

May 28. 63. Report of William Blathwaite, Esq., Auditor General of her Majesty's plantations in America, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr Duport, merchant, in behalf of Ralph Willett, Esq., as to a grant for 2½ years of plantations in St Christophers by the Lieut.-Governor of the Leeward Islands (William Hamilton, Esq.). The grant might fitly be confirmed. Dated 28 May 1712.

The petition.

Minuted :—"19 July 1712. My Lord would know whether the Commrs for Trade have any objeccõn. There is no objeccõn, for the petrs request is only to confirme the grant for that terme, but no more, wch he has actually in the premisses." 2½ *pages.*

May 30. 64. Officers of the Works to the Lord High Treasurer. Return their thanks that his Lp has considered the artizans and directed tallies for a year to be given out with interest upon the same. All agreed to the tallies being deposited in the hands of the Paymaster, to be so disposed of as that the credit of the tallies should not suffer by unreasonable discounts. Dated 30 May 1712. 1 *page.*

May 31. 65. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the same. Of the whole clothing and accoutrements and other goods committed to Mr Netmaker, the commissary, for which the government paid 28,086*l.* 5*s.*, part came to the hands of Col. Hunter and six other colonels, and one other part was cast away, amounting in the whole to 17,703*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, and the remainder was brought back, the particulars of which were in a schedule annexed. They suggest that a large portion of the sound clothing should be appropriated to the out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital. Further suggest whether the South Sea Company would buy them. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 31 May 1712.

The list referred to.

Minuted:—"Read 16th June 1712. Send to the Contrs of the Army accts to treat wth the S.S.C. or any others for taking off the undamaged stores brought from the expedition to Canada, in ordr to ye selling the same & accountg &c." 6 *pages.*

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June 1. 1. Report to the Lord [High Treasurer] of J. C. Belasyse and two others, appointed to enquire into Mr Chetwynd's accounts. Being obliged to stay there (Genoa) for want of a convoy, had continued their enquiries. Enclose their representation thereon. Had received 1,000 pistoles from Mr Chetwynd and 1,000l more from Mr Henshaw, the English Consul, in part of their allowance, which they hoped his Lp would order Mr Brydges to pay when due. Dated Genoa, 1 June 1712, [? if N.S. 22 May].

State of Mr William Chetwynd's account and a paper showing the rates of exchange from Italy on divers days in all the months from 1708 to May 1712. 14 *pages.*

June 3. 2. Letter from John Taylour to the Comrs of Revenue in Ireland. By direction of the Lord High Treasurer asked for an account to be returned of profits of forfeited lands remaining unsold, and what was best to be done with the undisposed forfeitures. [Dated 3 June 1712.]

Also draft of the same.

Entered in *Irish Book*, Vol. VI., p. 281. 2 *pages*.

June 3. 3. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the annexed memorial of the Hon. Spencer Compton, Esq., wherein he desired a proper discharge to be directed to him for delivery of the plate remaining in his hands, that belonged to his late Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark. Her Majesty had acknowledged to have received the same as part of her moiety of the Prince's personal estate, he having died intestate. An inventory of the plate should be made and the administrators should acknowledge the same to be that which was referred to in a privy seal of 13 Dec. 1710, &c. Dated 3 June 1712.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Send to Mr Att. Genll to advise a proper discha for Mr Compton and a method for keepg this plate distinct frō the crown plate. [Added] Mr Compton to peruse this report." 3 *pages*.

June 3. 4. Memorial of Walter, Lord Blantyre, to the Lord High Treasurer. King Charles II. granted to Frances, late Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox, an annuity of 1,000*l.* per ann. out of hereditary excise, in exchange for her estate of Aubigny in France, of the value of 1,500 pistoles, which was paid up to 1691, and was then in arrear to the end of that reign. Her present Majesty had expressed her sorrow that she could not pay those arrears, but had said they should not be increased. On the death of the duchess there were $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year more due, but on application from her Majesty her grace's dwelling and outhouses in Privy Gardens, Whitehall, were immediately given up, altho' built at her expense. Prays for the arrears and compensation. "R. June 3, 1712."

Duplicate thereof. 2 *pages*.

June 3. 5. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer. Lady Fretchville required 500*l.* worth of timber for her house at Windsor, or 100*l.* worth of timber and the rest in money. Dated 3 June 1712.

Minuted:—"Read 4th June 1712. Mr Wilcox to propose how this can be complyd with. His proposal is wthin."

He proposed 100*l.* worth of timber to be cut in Windsor Forest and the 400*l.* to be raised by sale of dotard trees in Whittlewood.

Minuted again:—"To be laid before the Queen. This to be done when Mr Wilcox comes to town." 1 *page*.

June 4. 6. Report of the Comrs of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lieut.-Col. George Lee, who had been collector at Loughrea and was a defaulter. The Comrs prosecuted his securities, whose estates were in the remotest parts of Connaught, a wild country, where the sheriffs were opposed and one man killed in executing the Queen's writs. After this the prosecution was respited. Mr Richard Martin, the most responsible of his securities, proposed to build barracks towards satisfaction of the petitioner's debt. What should be done depended on her Majesty's goodness. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 4 June 1712.

Minuted:—"10 July 1712. Send it back to the C. of the revenue to receive his prop. for building baracks & to ascertain the place & charge of building ye same." 2 *pages*.

June 5. 7. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose copy of a report of 25 Oct. 1710 [previously noticed under that date], at the request of Lieut.-Col. de Launay, Major of Lieut.-Genl Gorge's regiment of foot, late the Earl of Donnegall's, he alleging that the report had not been read and was not to be found at the Treasury. It relates to sums charged on the regiment. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 5 June 1712.

The copy referred to, and two other papers. 8½ *pages*.

[? About June 5.] 8. Petition of Sarles Goatley, Esq., her Majesty's Serjeant-at-Arms attending the Great Seal, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for an allowance for attending a trial of the pix, sending messengers to York and other places, and attending at the trial of Dr Henry Sacheverell.

Minuted:—"5 June 1712. So much as concernes the Mint to be ref. to the officers thereof." 1 *page*.

June 5. 9. Edward Southwell to the Lord High Treasurer. In the absence of the Ld Lieut. of Ireland, encloses (1), the memorial of George Rodney Brydges, Esq., praying payment of 13,600*l*., being his arrears of pension of 1,600*l*. per annum; (2), a certificate of the Auditor General thereon; (3), the reference by the Lords Justices of the petition to the Auditor General; and (4), the Report of the Auditor General (Dering). Dated 5 June 1712. 7 *pages*.

June 5. 10. Report of the Attorney General (Sir Edward Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition annexed, of the inhabitants of the hamlet of Kew within the parish of Kingston-upon-Thames (Surrey), who on account of the distance from their parish church are either under the necessity of neglecting the public worship of God, or have to resort to one of the chapels of ease, the nearest of which is Richmond. To redress this they have begun a subscription for erecting another chapel of ease upon Kew Green, which is a common or waste parcel of ground within her Majesty's manor of Richmond, and (as alleged) has been time out of mind granted and grantable by copy of Court Roll. The inhabitants pray her Majesty to grant by copy of Court Roll part of a gravel pit for that purpose. He (the Attorney General) apprehends that the petitioners are mistaken in their allegations that the common can be legally granted by copy of Court Roll, for that it is of the essence of a copyhold estate to have been demised and demisable time out of mind, which the said wastes have not been. And if the wastes were copyhold, the same being in the hands of her Majesty, he apprehends by the Act of the Civil List her Majesty cannot grant the same in fee; but her Majesty may grant a licence for erecting the chapel there, the vicar of Kingston having consented thereto. Dated 5 June 1712.

Minuted:—"14 June 1712. The report agreed to."

The petition with many signatures. 4 *pages*.

June 6. 11. J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Encloses a paper from M^{r} Sweet containing his reasons for not protesting Sir John Lambert's bill of exchange for 312,000 f. current money of Holland. Asks his L$^{p's}$ directions. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 6 June 1712.

The paper named. 3 *pages*.

June 5 & 7. 12. An account of transport debentures received from M^{r} Arthur Shallet, merchant, in discharge of his bonds for the duties on wine, pursuant to a warrant of composition from the late Lord High Treasurer. Signed Hen. Ferne, 5 June 1712.

A further account. Dated Custom House, 7 June 1712. 2 *pages*.

June 10. 13. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General for Ireland (Rich. Levinge and Francis Bernard) to the Lords Justices concerning a pension of 500*l*. per ann. granted to the Earl of Granard, which it was contended was sold to Anthony Hammond, Esq., for 1,600*l*., and was afterwards resold to M^{r} Brydges, M.P. The Earl contended that he had originally mortgaged and not sold the same. Under certain conditions the stop put on the payment of the pension might be immediately taken off. Dated 10 June 1712.

Minuted:—"Stop removed." 4 *pages*.

June 10. 14. Report of M^{r} Henry Baker to the Lord High Treasurer as to certain wool and iron-bound chests reported to have been shipped from England to France. Dated 10 June 1712.

A letter signed J. G., on which the report was founded. 2½ *pages*.

June 10. 15. Memorial of the King's Heralds and Pursuivants of arms to the Lord High Treasurer. By the smallness of their salaries and the reduction of their perquisites, they had been obliged to maintain their college at their own expense at an annual charge of 100*l*. or upwards. With taxes, &c., their salaries were reduced one fourth, and they were considerably in debt for maintaining the college in repair, for which they had formerly an allowance from the Crown. 945*l*. would be due to them for nine quarters' salary at Midsummer next, and 220*l*. for largess money upon the creation of 44 noblemen since her Majesty's accession (as by list annexed). There was also an arrear of 41*l*. per ann. for 27 years "waiting money at Court" for attendance on the Queen and her predecessors to the Chapel Royal on the great annual festivals: viz. from 1684 to 1711, amounting to 1,107*l*., and 2½ years salary from the late King. Prayed for their salary and largess fees. Dated College of Arms, 10 June 1712.

Minuted:—"28th June 1712. To be paid their sal^{rys} as far as the serj^{ts} at arms are paid. And see w^{t} preced^{ts} there are for y^{e} largesses being paid by the Crown."

A note is added:—"They were paid 230^{li} for the largesses due upon the creac͠on of 46 noblemen at 5^{li} each by signe manual dated 3^{d} December 1700."

The list referred to. 2½ *pages.*

June 10. 16. Account of Thomas Baker of the "charge of the particulars of her Majesty's present to the Regency of Tunis." Dated London, 10 June 1712.

Also the bills and receipts for the items. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 11. 17. Report of Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer, Had inspected the Earl of Ranelagh's accounts and did not find that his L^{p} had taken credit for any part of 9,375*l.* payable to the Baron de Goertz, &c. Dated 11 June 1712. 1 *page.*

June 12. 18. Report of the Com^{rs} for Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Joseph Rous, who applied for the return of certain stamps used to detect M^{r} Dyott in a fraud. The Attorney General had advised that the stamps made by the Com^{rs}' order and received by them were lawful stamps, and one of the Com^{rs} having stamped with them and disposed of the paper so stamped to persons ignorant of his fraud, they had a right to have their paper returned. The Com^{rs} still thought differently, as they apprehended the directing an engraver to make a die did not establish it a lawful stamp, until approved by the Com^{rs}, and until by them ordered to be used in the office for stamping, which was never done with these dies. They were of opinion that these stamps should be cancelled before the paper and parchment were returned, and that other stamps approved by the office should be delivered to the owners gratis. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 12 June 1712.

The petition. 2½ *pages.*

June 12. 19. M^{r} William Vanbrugh, Treasurer of the Chamber, to William Lowndes, Esq. The enclosed memorial was in answer to his L^{p}'s commands, besides which he was in attendance to be heard. Dated 12 June 1712.

The memorial to the Lord Treasurer mentioned. The reports he had to make could not be always agreeable to the desires of the parties concerned, and he was obliged to act as a "cheque." The value and support of his employ was sunk so low that it would not support him or the credit of the office, and he must depend on the goodwill he sometimes had to "cheque." Asks his L^{p} to intercede with her Majesty for a settled provision, and for 250*l.* for two and a half years before Midsummer 1702, when her Majesty's establishment began.

Minuted:—"12 June 1712. Office that is comptrolled ought to bear the charge of the comptroll, and not the serv^{ts}, and my Lord does not see by Van's const. [? constitution] his instructions, or any thing before him, that he can or ought to take any fee from the serv^{ts} whatsoever, or has any right to presume." 1½ *pages.*

June 12. 20. Case of John Sansom, an accountant and debtor to the Crown. The profits of Richard Breton from an office in the Custom House were sequestered, he being greatly indebted to Sansom, who desired that the office should not be surrendered or alienated before he was informed thereof. "R. from Lord Mansel, June 12, 1712."

Also another statement of the case. 2 *pages.*

June 13. 21. "A particular of his late Royal Highness' plate for her Ma$^{\text{ties}}$ use. Examined and certified by J. Smith and C. Hedges." 13 June 1712.

Another paper as to the plate in the hands of the Hon. Spencer Compton, containing the same particulars, with the last six entries left out. 2 *pages.*

[? About June 13.] 22. Petition of Captain John Mohun to the Lord High Treasurer for the same allowance for coming express from Barcelona as was given to Captain Earle and Captain Long, lately despatched from England on the like occasion.

Minuted:—"13 June 1712. 50$^{\text{li}}$ is ordered to the hands of Mr Brydges." 1 *page.*

June 14. 23. Report of Lord Chief Baron Ward to the Lord High Treasurer on the draft of a constitution for appointing Richard Holmes to examine and inspect the port books of the Officers of the Customs. The ancient course and method of the Exchequer as established by Queen Elizabeth, was that the patent officers in every port of England and Wales (*i.e.*, the Customers, Controllers, and Searchers), ought before entering their offices (and till of late they had done so) to take an oath and give security for the execution of their places, whereby they became obliged to make true entries of goods exported and imported, and to return the same into the Exchequer upon oath. Of late in some instances this had been omitted to the detriment of the Crown. Submitted whether it could be practicable for any one person to compare, inspect, and examine the patent officers' books in all the custom houses in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed, within a year; but at seasonable times he might view the method of keeping the accounts, and report to his L$^{\text{p}}$ what was defective. Dated 14 June 1712.

Minuted:—"21 June 1712. My Lord will make an experim$^{\text{t}}$ for one year. M$^{\text{r}}$ Holmes was accordingly appointed by an instrument dated 24 June 1712."

The draft mentioned. 3½ *pages.*

June 14 & 16. 24. Payments out of the Funds for the service of the year 1712. 14 June 1712.

Another paper with the same title. 16 June 1712.

A state of the payments and remains as to the public services for the year 1712. 16 June 1712. 3 *large pages.*

June 16. 25. J. Hawler, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to M$^{\text{r}}$ Lowndes. Respecting the clothing of the six marine regiments. 55,717*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.* were claimed by the clothiers for 2½ years of off-reckonings. Dated Admiralty Office, 16 June 1712.

A letter and memorial on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

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June 16. 26. Copy of a letter of the Com^{rs} of Victualling as to certain coals carried from the Hartshorne brewhouse. It did not appear to them that there was any design of embezzlement. Dated 16 June 1712.

Copy of another letter on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

[About June 16.] 27. W. Brockett to the Lord [? High Treasurer]. Desires his L^{p}'s direction for renewing the privy seal for his annual salary of 400*l.* out of the Post Office, "for though y^{e} said privy seal for y^{e} better disguiseing of y^{e} secrecy of the service mentions it as a pension or annuity, yet the same is really a sallary for the said service."

Minuted :—"Read 16 June [171]2. 1 *page.*

June 17. 28. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting frauds committed by Charles Whiting, son of M^{r} Bedford Whiting one of the jerquers, who attended as clerk to the latter, and by Charles Houghton, clerk to M^{r} William Cook another of the jerquers. Copy of the order to prevent such things for the future was "put up in the Long Room, and the Jerquers' Office." Dated Custom House, 17 June 1712.

Three other papers relating thereto.

Minuted :—"Read 25 June 1712."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 223, 25 June 1712, is :—"My Lord directs the Comm^{rs} to continue the suspension of the Jerquer w^{ch} they have made till next week, and in the meantime to consider of what they shall thinke proper to be directed for carrying on the service of y^{t} office." 6 *pages.*

June 17. 29. J. Hawler to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a letter from the Victualling Department as to embezzlements of coals from the Hartshorne brewhouse. Dated Admiralty Office, 17 June 1712. 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

June 17. 30. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., on the debt of their office, which they had hoped would have been paid in money, according to the Lord Treasurer's promise. Dated 17 June 1712. 1 *page.*

June 18. 31. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on a paper entitled, "A remark on the importation of sugar into the port of London from Barbadoes." Suggest a new duty on middling sorts. Dated 18 June 1712.

The paper referred to and two others. 7 *pages.*

June 18. 32. Report of Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Palmer, Esq^{re} and others, securities for John Andrews, Esq., deceased, late Receiver General of the county of Warwick. Two years and a half had expired, and not half the receiver's debt was paid, wherefore they left it to his lordship's determination if any further time should be given. Dated Office for Hides, 18 June 1712.

The petition referred to.

On the back is :—"Since this report another pet^{n} has been referred." 2½ *pages.*

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June 18. 33. Report of Lord Lansdowne to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sarah, widow of Terrence MacMahon, late Deputy Provost Marshal, certifying the truth of the claims made for disbursements on the Savoy Marshalsea for repairs rendered necessary by riots and mutinies there. Dated Whitehall, 18 June 1712.

Copy of the same. 4 *pages*.

[? About June 19.] 34. Petition of Jonathan Broughill and Ruth his wife on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of Burton in Wirrall in the county palatine of Chester, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had held several estates of Crown land under the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, doing homage, swearing fealty to the King and the lord of the manor, &c. The bishop had leased the Crown lands in Burton to William Massey of Pottington, Esq., with power to eject tenants, &c., and the latter had thereupon turned out the petitioners, seized their crops, &c. Prayed that the Surveyor General of Crown lands might survey and report thereon.

Minuted:—"19 June 1712. It dos not appear that the crowne is any ways concerned herein." 1 *page.*

June 19. 35. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts (P. Meadows and Ja. Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer, on a report made by the Paymaster General of the Forces abroad and the Secretary at War, upon the petition of Peter Hartop and Henry Hatley, "administrators to his son Henry Hatley, deceased, who, together with the said Peter Hartop were deputy paymasters of the forces that went on the expedition under the Earl of Rivers" in 1706.—5*s.* 6*d.* a day was quite inadequate remuneration for the disbursement of 110,000*l.* in eight months, &c. Dated 19 June 1712.

Minuted:—"9 July 1712. Let the ballance be paid into the Excheq^{r}, and then if the pet^{rs} have any demands of extra^{ry} charges for executing their office, my Lord will have due regard thereto w^{n} layd before him; but he cannot advise any increase to the established allowance w^{ch} they accepted." 3 *pages.*

June 20. 36. Memorial of J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer] "for directions how Col. Nevill is [to] govern himself in regard to the foreign troops upon the excha of the subject troops, prisoners in Spain." Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 20 June 1712.

Minuted:—"20 June 1712. To be layd before the Q. in Councill." 1 *page.*

June 20. 37. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^{r} Gibbon, a receiver of the last year's lottery. He is an accountant to her Majesty until he has his quietus. "By the course of the Exchequer he has a right to have an extent in aid to get in his debts, and in regard the extent in aid is founded on an extent against himself, the bond ought to be in the Remembrancer's hand." Dated 20 June.

The memorial and the receipt for the bond.

The memorial minuted:—"Transmit this to M^{r} Att Gen^{ll} for his opinion whether this bond ought to be đd to the Q^{s} Rem^{r} as is desired." 3 *pages.*

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June 22. 1. Col. Ro. Hunter to the Lord High Treasurer. Advises his Lp of bills drawn on him for 3,437*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* in favour of Mr Micajah Perry, for the subsistence of the Palatines. Dated New York, 22 June 1712. 1 *page.*

June 23. 2. The same to the same. Sends the general accounts for the late expedition against Canada. Must lay before his Lp a true state of the affairs of the Palatines. The work was forwarder than could have been expected. The trees answered expectation, and this fall he had 100,000 ready to be cut down and burnt for tar. The Lords of Trade proposed to employ 3,000 Palatines in the production of naval stores in New York. They were to be subsisted by the public, the adults at 6*d.* a day and the children at 4*d.*, until they could subsist themselves. This was approved of by Her Majesty in Council. 8,000*l.* were issued to him for their immediate subsistence. He made the Palatines enter into a contract to follow the work, and he purchased lands for them on the Great River, near to the pine woods, settled them in good houses and plantations, and kept them constantly employed on the tar work, by which they would in a few years quit the debt they owed the Crown. Had gone on laying out all the money he and his friends were masters of for subsisting and employing that people, but had not heard that any of his bills were paid; nor could he for the public good leave off doing so. Had reaped nothing but fatigue, torture, and trouble, and the pleasure of having surmounted opposition and difficulties next to insurmountable. Had acquainted the Lords of Trade how basely Mr Bridger had done what he could to betray the work. His practice with the Queen's woods had been equally vicious. If he escaped punishment, such as served her Majesty with disinterested zeal at that distance, would be discouraged and suffer under such treachery. There was no revenue to support the Government, nor any hopes from the assembly, who were firmly resolved to give only what and when they pleased, by which means all the extraordinary expenses fell to him. The frontiers were exposed. Our Indians being neglected had grown saucy, tho' but a handful, and the "officers of the government all a starving." If there were not a speedy remedy found the consequences would be dreadful. The pretences for this conduct were former misapplications of funds, by which the province was loaded with debt. There was nothing they would not do for him in particular, if he would give way to their appropriations, as they upon all occasions declared, to which he had as often answered, they might starve him, but never oblige him to complement them with her Majesty's rights, or transgress her instructions. Dated New York, 23 June 1712. 6½ *pages, quarto.*

June 23. 3. An account of the number of the English prisoners in Spain belonging to and to be turned over to the regiments lately trans-

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ferred to the Irish establishments, according to the last returns ending 23d June 1712. Also, "Others to be brought to England." 1½ *pages.*

June 24. 4. A paper concerning the leather duty in Scotland, showing the produce &c. of the same for a year ending 24 June 1712. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 5. Memorial of Mr Brydges "for 915*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* for reformed officers of the Palatines [in Catalonia]." Dated 24 June 1712.

Minuted:—"4 Juy 1712. Ordered on the head of deficiencys."

Another paper containing the particulars. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 6. "An acct of what South Sea stock remained in the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy the 24th June 1712." 1 *page.*

[About June 24.] 7. Memorandum of the yearly allowance to be made to Benjamin Godin, groom to his late Royal Highness, from Midsummer 1712. Signed "S. Compton." 6 *lines.*

June 25. 8. J. Hawler (Admiralty) to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Encloses an extract from a letter from Sir Roger Mostyn, Paymaster General of the marine forces, as to the hardships of the officers on board ship by being so long without pay, &c. Dated Admiralty Office, 25 June 1712.

The extract named. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves, quarto.*

—June 26. 9. Weekly certificates of money paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer upon the duties on houses. The first week ends 4 April and the last 26 June 1712. 8 *pages* (*some missing*).

[? About June 27.] 10. Petition of Edward Bathurst, Esq., nominated Receiver General for part of the county of Kent for the year 1712 to the Lord High Treasurer. He and his securities have signed their bond. Prays for the grant of a commission to receive the land tax.

Certificate of the execution of the bond. Dated 27 June 1712.

Minuted:—"This is granted to Weldon, who is appointed for the whole county." 2 *pages.*

[About June 28.] 11. Memorial of William Cochran, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Proposes to forage the troops in Scotland at 7½*d.* a night for dry forage, and 3*d.* during the time of grass, from the expiration of the present contract.

Minuted:—"28 June, 1712. To be sent to Mr Howe." 1 *page.*

[About June 28.] 12. Petition of Col. Henry Hawley, Lieut.-Governor of Kinsale in Ireland, to the Queen. Had served the Crown 40 years. Prayed for 10*s.* a day on the establishment of Ireland for the support of the government.

Minuted:—"28 June 1712. Ref to Ld Lt of Ireld." 1 *page.*

June 28. 13. Lord Lansdowne (? Secretray-at-War) to the Lord High Treasurer. Was of opinion that such of the officers of the reduced regiments as should remain in Portugal by order of the general, and should be actually upon service there, should receive the like subsistence as the officers "en second" did, who were also employed in that service. Dated Whitehall, 28 June 1712.

Minuted :—"3 July 1712. Read." 1 *page*.

June 28. 14. Report of Edward Southwell to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Col. Ignatius Nugent. The Duke of Ormonde had long known the petitioner and had often declared his good opinion of his merit and services, and recommended that he should be placed on the military list of pensions as colonel of foot, "which on the establishment of Ireland is eight shillings p diem and one hundred forty-six pounds p annum." Dated London, 28 June 1712.

The report of the Secretary-at-War in England and the Lords Justices in Ireland thereon.

Minuted :—"Read 17th July 1712. To be laid before y^{e} Q. and propose that y^{e} pencõn of 146^{li} p ann. (if her M^{ty} thinks fit to grant it) may be allowed as bounty not as y^{e} pay of a collonel of foot, & y^{t} it should be p̃d in Ireland." 4 *pages*.

June 28. 15. Petition of Benjamin Coode of the borough of Saltash in Cornwall, Gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be appointed a clerk of the securities of the port of London in the room of M^{r} Raynon, a prisoner in the Fleet.

Referred to the Com^{rs} of Customs.

On the back is :—"Recommende[d] June 28, 1712 by Lord Lansdowne." 1 *page*.

June 30. 16. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes. By the Lord Treasurer's directions they had agreed to discharge about 400 workmen from Deptford and Woolwich. They would require about 12,000*l*. to pay them off. Should proceed to reduce the workmen of the other yards as fast as they could. Prayed also a half-year's wages for Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Plymouth (the workmen being in a very miserable condition, and a year and three quarters in arrear), likewise 1,400*l*. for a year's wages to the workmen at Port Mahon. 4,800*l*. would be required to pay off H.M. ships "Hare" and "Shoreham" prize, and 7,000*l*. to pay off the "Guarland." Drew attention to the contracts for naval stores. Dated Navy Office, 30 June 1712. 2 *pages*.

June 30. 17. A paper containing various memoranda relating to tallies. Dated 30 June 1712. 8 *pages*.

June .... 18. "M^{r} Brydges' memorial with an extract of the Earl of Barrymore's letter to M^{r} Hammond [Deputy Paymaster of H.M. forces in Catalonia] concerning the 50,000*l*. remitted to Barcelona the 1st March 1712." Dated "Pay Office, Whitehall, June the . . . 1712."

The extract referred to and a reply thereto. 3 *pages*.

June .... 19. "M^{r} Brydges's memorial relating to M^{r} Cantillon's letter concerning the profit arising upon the recoinage of the 800,000 pieces

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of eight borrowed by her Majesty out of the two Genoese ships." Dated as above.

Extract from Mr Cantillon's letter dated at Barcelona. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, quarto.*

July 1. 20. Memorial of Mr John Anstis to tho Lord High Treasurer. Had paid all the money for the last coinage, amounting to 28,000*l.* and had advanced money for the present one, which would require the like sum, but had received only 12,000*l.* and 6,100*l.* 2*s.* $10\frac{1}{2}$*d.* from Mr Corker, the late receiver. Had been obliged to pay some of the money received by sales of tin to discharge bills drawn on him out of Cornwall. If orders were not given in relation to the same, the credit of the tallies on tin would be greatly prejudiced. Dated 1 July 1712.

Minuted:—"1 July 1712. A preference till the money borrowd from the produce of the tynn be replaced." 1 *page.*

July 1. 21. Lord Lansdowne to Mr Lowndes. Sends copy of a letter from the Earl of Portmore relating to the pressing necessities of the hospitals in Portugal, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had signified her intention to grant her royal bounty to Sir John Gibson. Dated Whitehall, 1 July 1712.

Minuted:—"To Mr Brydges."

The letter named. 3 *pages, quarto.*

July 2. 22. "An accot of the sums directed to be issued to James Brydges, Esq., for the service of the war in Spain & Portugal to the 2d day of July 1712, out of the fonds granted in the last session of Parliament." *A thin book.*

July 2. 23. Wm Blackett and Wm Wrightson to the Lord High Treasurer in favour of Mr Emanuel Walker, who was petitioning for a landwaiter's place at Newcastle. Dated London, 2 July 1712.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 3.] 24. Mr John Loggan, consul at Ostend, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the reimbursement of his expenses in procuring intelligence, &c. for her Majesty's services. Hoped his Lp had been mindful of what his Excellency the Earl of Strafford had said in his favour. Undated.

Copies of three letters on the same subject, two being from the Lord Privy Seal (John Bishop of Bristol).

Minuted:—"3 July 1712. Mr Loggan is to distinguish his charges, so as wt falls under the cognizance of the Admty may be consed." 3 *pages.*

[? About July 7.] 25. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer from Simon Price, freeman of Hereford city and freeholder of the county (recommended by Lord Scudamore and the members for the county and city), praying for a tidesman's place.

"R. July 7, 1712." 1 *page.*

July 7. 26. Col. J. Dudley, Governor of [New England], to the Lord High Treasurer. Had exceeded by 162 musketeers and 60 officers the

1,000 men whom he was ordered to equip for the Canada expedition, the cost of which had been discharged by those provinces. Had prepared stores of war, vessels, and flat-bottomed boats under General Hill's directions which were sent with the fleet under the command of the General and Sir Hovenden Walker, the accounts for which, and the bills drawn for the payment of the same, were then before his Lp. Two vessels were returned by the General, together with the stores, which might have paid the debt, but arrived after the audit of the accounts. These were sold, and the Colonel asked for directions as to the proceeds. Other utensils and stores, at the departure of the fleet from Spanish River ordered to be delivered at Annapolis Royal, were brought hither by adverse winds. After so many years of faithful service to her Majesty, prayed that he might not be an object of contempt to the people by lack of payment, having persuaded them into such expense by her Majesty's command.

P.S.—Begged pardon for the gout in his hand, which prevented him writing his own letters. Dated Boston, 7 July 1712.

Duplicate of the same; both have suffered from damp. 3 *pages each.*

July 7. 27. Memorial of the Secretary-at-War (Wyndham) to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the forces in Spain and the garrison of Port Mahon. It being her Majesty's pleasure that all the foot regiments in Catalonia be transported to the island of Minorca, to join the others there, to complete battalions to serve as a garrison at Port Mahon, prays his Lp's direction as to carrying the same out, viz., as to disposal of horses of Brigadier Lepell's regiment, and for a fit person to be appointed as commissary general. Dated 7 July 1712.

Minuted:—"8 July 1712. To be read again to-morrow." 2 *pages.*

July 8. 28. Report of the Auditor of Imprests (Harley) to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the Duke of Leeds, executor to James Herbert, Esq., late Receiver General of Prizes in the late war, as to an allowance of incidents. Dated 8 July 1712. 2 *pages.*

July 9. 29. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Robert Kerr to the Lord High Treasurer. Had served in the royal regiment of foot commanded by the Earl of Orkney 40 years, and suffered many hardships by being under the command of several younger officers whom he had formerly commanded. Prayed that a government or a pension might be bestowed on him.

"R. July 9, 1712."

Minuted:—"This belongs to the Secretary-at-War, & should be directed to the Queen." 1 *page.*

[About July 9.] 30. Memorial as to the French Committee. The committee was the work of the Earl of Sunderland and Lord Galloway. Some gentlemen from Paris desiring to become masters of the asylum (maistres de refuge), [for French Protestants] employed in their interests M. Flournois, preceptor of Lord Sunderland, and caused pressing letters to come from Lord Galloway to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Sunderland. This was successful. Certain of the committee were withdrawn; Lord Sunderland put in others, including the preceptor, and Lord Galloway put in many of his creatures. To render the refugees wise and circumspect the most assured means was to make changes in the committee. It was time they should be made. The misery of the refugees was extreme; a great number were without bread or credit. (French.)

"R. July 9, 1712."

A list of persons proposed to be put on the committee.

Copy of a letter of the Archbp of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Mayor and Bishop of London, who were appointed to direct Spencer Compton, Esq., to pay to the poor French Protestants 15,000*l.*, nominating certain persons to superintend the payment. 6 *pages.*

[About July 9.] 31. Petition of Sir Harry Rollo to the Queen. Was many years governor of the castle of Blackness in Scotland, and captain of a company there in garrison, and had been employed in the customs and excise since 1684, but was removed without complaint against him and succeeded by the Earl of Buchan; praying for employment civil or military.

"R. Jul. 9, 1712." 1 *page.*

[? About July 9.] 32. "Virginia. The accompt of pork bought for the use of her Majesty's forces at Canada."

Minuted:—"9 July 1712. To be ref. to ye Auditors of Imprests & Comptrs of the Army Accots." 2 *pages.*

July 9. 33. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mary and Elizabeth Aldersey. In a former report to the late Lord Treasurer they had represented that they had examined the stores at Hampton Court and found the engines, &c. for which the allowances amounting to 79*l.* 17*s.* were craved, to be there in her Majesty's possession. They were informed Mr Aldersey was obliged to pay the artificers employed for the same. Her Majesty enjoyed the use of the engines, &c., and they saw nothing to object to the payment for them. Dated Office of Works, 9 July 1712.

The petition, which states that the petitioners' father, by the command of King William III., so far rectified the river from Longford to Hampton Court as to bring a sufficient quantity of water for the supply of the Palace to the satisfaction of his Majesty. He also made sundry fountains in the gardens there, and a new engine for quenching the fire, and repaired another that was decayed. The charge for the artificers alone was 79*l.* 17*s.* For this he was sued by them, and was obliged to pay, tho' neither he, nor any one for him, had ever had any part thereof. 2 *pages.*

July 9. 34. Report of the same to the same on the estimate of Michael Studholm, Esq., of the charge of repairing the Queen's private road leading to Fulham. The road was 9,032¼ yards long. It was proposed to repair it with gravel and bavins. Dated as above.

Minuted:—"17 July 1712. My Lord dos not approve the filling up with bavin. To propose a more substantial way; then the estimate to be considered: and also the cost of laying Kensington Road, wch has been plow'd up by the great number of hackney coaches, in good order." *Again*:—"3 June 1713. Ordered." 2 *pages.*

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July 9. 35. ——— to the Lord High Treasurer. The precedent which the newly appointed Com^{rs} of Revenue for Ireland had found for making eight Com^{rs} was foreign to the case, and could not be of any force against two prior Acts of Parliament, for reasons he had enclosed. Dated 9 July 1712.

Minuted:—"1,200^{l} a year to Edw. Conway, of Soughton, in coun. Flint, Esq."

Another letter from the same person containing the reasons referred to, with this postscript:—"I had almost forgotten to acquaint yo^{r} lordsp̃ that the whiggs are stark mad at M^{r} Ogle being continued in the commission, but I can say on my own experience, as well as what many others say, that M^{r} Ogle is an honest man, and no person better acquainted with the management of the revenue, & I can also say that he justifies the queen's prerogative and y^{r} Lordship's power and a friend to yo^{r} friends."

Two other papers containing extracts from the Acts of Parliament on the same subject. 4 *pages*. [The signatures to both letters are torn away.]

July 10. 36. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer to Charles Lord Halifax, Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, to make and pass debentures for 150*l.* each to Edward Harley and Arthur Maynwaring, Esq., for their salary as auditors of imprests, &c. Dated 10 July 1712. 1 *page*.

July 10. 37. Two papers relating to the furnishing of waggons, forage, &c. for the service of the allies. They were taken from Courtray, Oudenarde, &c. Dated between 28 April and 10 July 1712. (French.)

Also three brief extracts from treaties. 3½ *pages*.

July 12. 38. (On the dorse of the paper.) Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General. They did not object to the enlargement [of Morgan Whitley, formerly Receiver General for Chester and North Wales, eleven years a prisoner in Newgate, in order to get in various debts, arrears, &c.]. Dated 12 July 1712.

His petition, and a report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes thereon, recommending his being set at liberty.

Minuted:—"21 July 1712. Write to M^{r} Borrett to know w^{t} benefit has accru'd or is like to accrue to ye Crown from ye prosecution of Whitley by Ormston ⁊ al." 3 *pages*.

July 12. 39. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on a proposal of M^{r} Hunter to provide two or more packet boats to be employed in correspondence between Donaghadee in the North of Ireland and Port Patrick in Scotland. M^{r} Manley, their Chief Deputy of Ireland, had represented the great difficulty there would be in putting the proposal in execution, the privilege of exporting black cattle being contrary to several laws. The sole privilege of carrying all passengers would encroach on the liberty of the subject, in transporting themselves in what ships or boats they chose. A person at Donaghadee had offered to provide two vessels of about 20 tons each, with hands, to go twice a week for 50*l.* per ann., with the freight of passengers; whereas the privilege of exporting 1,000 head of cattle was worth near 1,000*l.* The establishment of this correspondence might be of great benefit, and the postage might in time more than defray the charges. Dated General Post Office, 12 July 1712.

Minuted:—"7 Aug. 1712. My Lord agrees to sett^{g} up the 2 pacq^{t} boats as proposed by M^{r} Manley, but the postm^{rs} are to take care y^{t} ye charge do not exceed y^{e} 50^{l} p ann. as contained in y^{e} rep^{t} ⁊ to prepare proper instrucc̃ons. Lr̃e sent."

M^{r} Hunter's proposal. 3 *pages.*

June 30 and July 15. 40. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber to the Lord High Treasurer, stating the debts due to Her Majesty's servants. Dated 15 July 1712.

Minuted:—"16th July 1712. 7,000^{li} ordered in pt by particular l̃re."

Also another memorial of 30 June 1712, with an enclosure. 7 *pages.*

July 15. 41. "Representation" of the Com^{rs} of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, proposing M^{r} Martin Temple as a surveyor of houses for the city of London. Dated Office of Hides, &c., 15 July 1712. 1 *page.*

July 15. 42. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Stamp Duties to the Lord High Treasurer. The increase of business to their office by the duties on newspapers, pamphlets, &c., had rendered it imperative to have increased accommodation. Advise the taking of M^{r} Serjeant Byrch's chambers in New Square, Lincoln's Inn. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 15 July 1712.

Minuted:—"To the Surv^{r} Gen^{l} to veiw w^{t} they have already, & how employed, & w^{t} further room is absolutely necr̃y." 1¼ *pages.*

July 15. 43. Edward Southwell to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received the enclosed letter by a flying packet from M^{r} Dawson, the Deputy Clerk of the Council [? of Ireland], by which his L^{p} would see the difficulty that occurred in passing the patent of the Com^{rs} of the Revenue. Dated London, 15 July 1712.

The difficulty as stated by the letter was that her Majesty had ordered eight Com^{rs} of Revenue to be appointed and the Act only allowed seven.

Copy of the clauses. 3½ *pages.*

July 15. 44. Report of John Manley, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General, to the R^{t} Hon. Robert Benson, Esq., Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer, on the petition of Nicholas Courtney, Esq., relating to the duty of post coinages of tin within the duchy of Cornwall. Gives a careful history of this duty, but advises against the grant of a further term to the petitioner, although he believes that he (the petitioner) was assistant in restoring the collection of these duties. Dated 15 July 1712.

The petition. 5 *pages.*

July 16. 45. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^{r} James Clerk and M^{r} Joseph Cave, conjoint engravers of the Mint in Scotland, craving an allowance for

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making puncheons for the use of that Mint. They were only allowed a salary of 50*l.* between them for sinking and finishing dies, and had no allowance for puncheons. Advise that certain allowances should be made to them similar to those of the gravers of the Mint at the Tower. Dated Mint Office, 16 July 1712.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

July 17. 46. Lord Mansel to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Sends the report of the Agents for Taxes, relating to M^{r} James Philips, Receiver of South Wales, who had fully answered the last year's charge, tho' the country was still in arrear 1,300*l.*, which he had advanced from his own money that was at interest. For setting so good an example to other receivers he ought to be encouraged by having a warrant signed for the money. Dated 17 July 1712.

The report referred to and M^{r} Philip's petition. 3 *pages.*

July 17. 47. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on a representation of William Fytche, Esq., controller of the two million adventure for the year 1711, applying for payment of 455*l.* 9*s.* for wages of the clerks, &c.: had no objection to the issue of a warrant for the same. Dated Exchequer, 17 July 1712.

The representation referred to.

Minuted:—"Prepare a warr^{t} for this, but care must be taken that this charge be not continued." "Read 21 July 1712." 2 *pages.*

July 18. 48. Report of M^{r} Baron Scrope to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Hay, riding officer in North Britain, who had met with hardships in Scotland, and had been instructed for the duties in [England], but had not yet been employed, and was in starving condition, having four children. Suggests that he should have the salary which he had in Scotland until provided for. Dated 18 July 1712. 2 *pages.*

July 18. 49. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose their memorial of 16 Oct. last, relating to the charge of Barbadoes on which they had not received his L$^{p's}$ commands. Might not that charge be taken off from the office, or the island find the money if they continued the engineer, &c.? Dated Office of Ordnance, 18 July 1712.

Minuted:—"To the Councill of Trade."

Copy of the memorial. 2 *pages.*

July 19. 50. Report of the Surveyor General (John Manley, Esq.) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Hyet, gent., as to the grant of the office of constable and keeper of the castle of Gloucester, which had been granted for three lives, two of which had expired, the third being Sir John Guise. Conceived that the constableship of a castle was not assignable to a third person, it being in his opinion repugnant to the nature of such an office that the same should be assigned, which if allowable, the Crown might have very unfit persons imposed to have the command of places of great consequence. On a legal surrender made to her Majesty of

Sir John Guise's patent, her Majesty might gratify the petitioner. Had sent a person to survey the castle and lands, who reported that they were set at 80*l.* per ann., but that the buildings were in great decay. There was a meadow called Castle Meadow containing about 60 acres, which he thought belonged to her Majesty, though the constable received but 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year for it. The patentee should be obliged to assert her Majesty's title, &c. Dated 19 July 1712.

Minuted:—"Warr^t signed."

A previous report of the same surveyor, and two petitions. 7½ *pages.*

[About July 19.] 51. Petition of the Com^rs for licensing hackney coaches and chairs to the Lord High Treasurer. In 1695 the salary of each of them was reduced from 200*l.* to 100*l.* per ann., additional trouble attended their late authority for regulating 600 chairmen, not less insolent and disorderly than the 700 coachmen. Men's abilities were now rated by the proportion of their salaries, so that it was difficult to preserve themselves from the contempt even of those they governed. Pray his L^p's equitable regard.

Minuted:—"19 July 1712. Read." 1 *page.*

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July 22. 1. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Darrell and William Deely, praying an order to export 200 barrels of strong beer for the forces at Dunkirk. The collector refused to admit the entry thereof. Upon the opinion of the Attorney General, the Com^rs had directed the officers to admit such entries. Dated 22 July 1712.

Minuted:—"23 July 1712. Notice to be sent accordingly, and also to be inserted in the Gazette."

The petition and copy of the same, together with the Attorney General's opinion. 4 *pages.*

July 22. 2. Com^rs for Sick and Wounded to W^m Lowndes, Esq. Have received a letter from Sir John Jennings relating to the new hospital he had ordered to be built at Port Mahon for the reception of sick seamen, and the difficulties the service was under, by reason the bills drawn for that service were not accepted, and those for the current service not paid. Enclose copy of the letter to be laid before the Lord Treasurer. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, 22 July 1712.

Minuted:—"Read."

The copy of the letter named. 2 *pages.*

July 22. 3. Report of R. Powys to the Lord High Treasurer on M^rs Howe's application to be paid 1,722*l.* 12*s.* due to her late husband, who was envoy at Hanover. The whole arrears, ordinary and extraordinary, so far as they came within the regulation, were paid, so that the demands consisted of extraordinary articles which exceeded the regulation. On a previous order had prepared a state to show what had been allowed to other ministers, and this he annexed. Dated 22 July 1712.

Minuted:—"14 Aug^{t} 1712. My Lord cannot consider any exceedings of this kind till those abroad be paid all that is due to them."

The "state" referred to.

Draft of another report on the same subject, unsigned.

An account of extraordinary expenses of Samuel Scroop Howe, Esq., deceased.

A "state" of what remained due to the executors.

Two letters from the widow, and a copy of two other letters. 9¼ *pages*.

July 22. 4. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lieut.-Colonel William Culliford, praying his Lordship to recall the order for stopping 100*l*. out of his pension, otherwise he must be ruined. Petitioner in 1688 received of the collector of Excise for Norfolk 100*l*. and drew a bill on his servant, who did not accept it, nor was in a capacity to pay it, &c. Dated Excise Office, London, 22 July 1712.

The petition. 2 *pages*.

July 22. 5. Gregory King to William Lowndes, Esq. The Com^{rs} for the debts due to the Army, &c. had considered the reports, petitions, and papers transmitted to them from the Treasury, and had commanded their return to him (M^{r} Lowndes). Dated Essex House, 22 July 1712. [A mere covering letter.] 1 *page, quarto*.

July 23. 6. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Frances Phipps, whose money, consisting of 228 guineas and two broad pieces (which she said she took for her family's necessary occasions), had been seized by Custom House officers. It was found in the false bottom of a trunk, and the Com^{rs} were of opinion it should be paid into the Exchequer, in order to entitle the officer to receive the moiety thereof. Dated Custom House, London, 23 July 1712.

Minuted:—"23 July 1712. Agree wth the report."

The petition, a certificate, and affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

July 23. 7. "An acco^{t} showing what has been already issued to M^{r} Brydges out of the supplies for this present year 1712, to what uses, and under which of the heads in the appropriating clause the same are to be placed."

An entry appears to bring the date down to July 23, 1712. 7 *pages*.

July 24. 8. "State of the debt of the office for sick and wounded and exchange of prisoners." Dated 24 July 1712. 1 *page*.

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[About July 24.] 9. Petition of Walter Kent, Esq., late sheriff of Surrey, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had paid to Joseph Chitty and others 320*l.* for apprehending burglars and robbers. On adjusting the accounts 276*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* were due to him (Kent).

Certificate by Francis Neale, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, to the same effect. Dated 24 July 1712. 2 *pages.*

July 24. 10. Report of Robert Raymond to the Queen on the petition of George Campbell, of the city of Edinburgh, merchant, and Alexander Inglis, of the same, merchant, the former of whom had invented an improvement in the manufacture of salt, considerably augmenting its quantity and bettering its quality. Had submitted the invention to the Com^rs^ for salt duty, who had laid before him a report made by them on 15 April 1709 adverse to the grant of the patent, because it would reduce the revenue. Gives the arguments urged by the petitioner Campbell in favour of the patent sought for, but submits to her Majesty whether (the Com^r's^ opinion being adverse) she would think it proper to grant the same. Dated 24 July 1712.

The petition. 4 *pages.*

July 25. 11. "A state showing the present reduction and disposition ordered to be made of her Majesty's Forces, and what regiments will afterwards remain upon the several establishments in Spain, Flanders, Britain, and Ireland, distinguishing such corps as fall within the rate of reduction but are still continued on foot by reason of the necessity of reducing elder corps abroad."

"R. from S^r^ W^m^ Wyndham, Secretary at War, July 25, 1712." 2 *pages.*

July 25. 12. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord Treasurer. M^r^ Manning had represented that he could not return home in compliance with his letters of revocation for want of money to discharge his debts. Her Majesty desired him (the Lord Treasurer) to be acquainted therewith. Dated Windsor, 25 July 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 29. 13. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Chamber for payments of warrants "relating to her Majesty's progress to Windsor last year, 1711." Dated Treasurer of the Chamber's Office, 29 July 1712.

Among the items is :—"To M^r^ Dahl, for the Queen's picture for the Bishop of Bristoll, by Lord Chamberlain's warr^t^ 50. 0. 0." 2 *pages.*

July 29 [or ? July 18.] 14. T. Harley to Richard Powys, Esq., "at the Treasury." Asked him "to be mindful" of the case of Mons. D'Alais, who had been a long time without receiving any money. Had written to the Lord Treasurer on his case. Doubted not that this gentleman, who had suffered long, would be made easy. Dated Hanover, 29 July 1712. [If New Style, 18 July.]

Also some memoranda as to his pay.

[Mons. D'Alais was appointed to carry on the correspondence from the Court of Hanover until the arrival of another minister. See *Money Book*, Vol. XXI., p. 487.] 2 *pages.*

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July 29. 15. "Charge of the service for sick and wdd, &c. at Lisbon and Port Mahon for the year past." Dated 29 July 1712. 1 *page.*

July 29. 16. Present establishment of the Office for sick and wounded Seamen, &c. in the home and foreign ports. [In an opposite column] "Observations thereon, in order to the reducing the charge in time of peace."

At the end are the observations of the Comrs as to the prisoners of war. Dated Office for Sick and Wounded, &c., 29 July 1712.

Enclosed is:—"Proposal to the Lords of the Admty to reduce ye service for sick and wounded seamen at Port Mahon in time of peace." 7 *pages.*

July 30. 17. Establishment of the garrison in Minorca to commence from 7 June 1712. Dated Kensington, 30 July 1712.

On the back is:—"A new one formed, adding 2,000 for conveniency." 1 *large page.*

July 30. 18. The establishment, with the 2,000 additional above referred to. Dated 30 July 1712. 1 *large page.*

July 30. 19. "Copy of the orders & rules to be observed in the settling the establishmt of half pay." Dated 30 July 1712. 2 *pages.*

July 31. 20. Comrs for Sick and Wounded, &c. to Mr Taylour. Prayed him to remind the Ld High Treasurer of their memorial for Lady-day quarter. The promises they had given made the people very uneasy, as appeared by the enclosed letter. Dated 31 July 1712.

The letter referred to, from William Woolley. The tradesmen had lost 20 per cent. on the South Sea account, and it was "now going on three quarters of a year." 2 *pages.*

July 31. 21. Eight reports of the Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer. All dated Edinburgh, 31 July 1712.

(1.) On the memorials "for Heriot's hospital and Mrs Fisher." Were of opinion that the gift [of "ultimus hæres"] would be most properly bestowed on Mrs Fisher, relict of Thomas Fisher, who was late treasurer of the hospital. It did not exceed 2,000 marks, Scots, or 111*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* sterling, and there were debts almost to the value, but it would entitle her to the surplus.

The two memorials referred to. 3 *pages.*

(2.) The value of the Ward estate was 951*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, including all public burthens and the free estate 202*l.* 8*s.* 0¾*d.*, and the debts affecting the whole estate amounted to 10,982*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, and the other personal debts 2,286*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.* Transmit "a new draught of a signature" settled according to the directions they had received. 1 *page.*

(3.) On the petition of Mr John Spotswood, advocate. The lands appearing to be conveyed by Sir Robert Spotswood [to the Bishop of Edinburgh] were the lands and barony of New Abbey. Submitted under the circumstances of the petitioner's family, that her Majesty

1712. should grant him the right that remained in her, which accrued by the abolition of prelacy.

Minuted:—"1 Oct. 1712. To be layd before y^{e} Queen, and if her Ma^{ty} be inclined to grant this, it is to be considered how far it is in her Ma$^{t's}$ power." 2 *pages.*

(4.) On the memorial of Archibald Earl of Roseberry, who was appointed Chamberlain of Fife and Strathern on 29 Jan. 1702–3, and subsequently on 26 July 1709 reappointed to Fife only, but continued to take the rents of Strathern. He enjoyed a pension in addition to his salary, and the barons did not know if her Majesty intended it to continue or not. It also relates to his accounts.

The memorial referred to, *minuted:*—"1 Oct. 1712. To be layd before the Qu. 27 Mar. 1714. My Lord will receive the Queen's pl̃" 3 *pages.*

(5.) On the petition of Adam Murray and others, employed as waiters, &c. in the Customs of Scotland. It was reasonable that they should be paid until discharged by the Com^{rs} settled there after the Union.

The petition. *Minuted:*—"Agreed." 2 *pages.*

(6.) On the petition of William Bayne. There was a considerable debt due to his brother. Advised that her Majesty should make him a small annual allowance.

The petition. The debt was incurred in the reign of Charles II. in finishing the palace of Holyrood House, and about the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling, and "the Bass."

Minuted:—"1 Oct. 1710. 20^{li} p ann. till room on the Charity Roll. W^{t} signed 20th Oct. 1712." 2 *pages.*

(7.) On the allegations of a representation annexed (1) they could not make out half the expense of 30,000*l.* laid out upon New Port, Glasgow; (2) as to Sir John Shaw, they believed it might be true [that he removed the books and Custom House office to the town of Greenock, two miles distant from New Port, Glasgow, but the Lords of Treasury and Exchequer in Scotland ordered the same to be brought back]; (3) the distance between New Port, Glasgow and Greenock might be as alleged, but they knew of no law that settled the distance that ought to be between a port and a member; (4) it did not appear that there would be inconveniences alleged by making Greenock a member of Port Glasgow, &c. 2 *pages.*

(8.) On the memorial of the Duchess of Hamilton. Her Grace was heritable keeper of the palace of Holyrood House. Also on her claims for money and victuals in connexion with that office. (Copy.) 1 *page.*

July 31. 22. Report of the Auditor of Imprests (Harley) to the Lord High Treasurer on the claims of M^{r} Robert Corker, receiver and paymaster of the tin contract for the year 1710. The expenses were of a nature foreign to the incidents hitherto allowed, and could not be allowed without his L$^{p's}$ warrant. Dated 31 July 1712.

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Minuted:—"20 Aug^{t} 1712. He must be content with the allow^{ce} of sallary that is made him."

The particulars of his claim. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 31.] 23. Report of the Attorney General on the Com^{rs} of Stamp Duties' powers to appoint inferior officers. Includes copy of a clause in the Act 5 & 6 Will. & Mary.

Minuted:—"31 July 1712. A w^{t} for a New Com^{on} to be prepared and insert such a clause concern^{g} the appointm^{t} of inferior officers as M^{r} Attorney has wthin advised may be done." 1 *page and* 4 *lines.*

July. 24. Account of receipts and disbursements connected with the army in June and July 1712. 12 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 2. 25. Report of M^{r} W^{m} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the advantages likely to accrue to the Queen by the prosecution of Morgan Whitley by M^{r} Ormston and others. Could not find that any great benefit would come to her Majesty thereby. Dated 2 Aug. 1712.

Minuted:—"13 Aug^{t} 1712. The sureties of Whitley to have notice of this application and know their objections, if any, ags^{t} the same."

An affidavit relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 26. Robert Taylor [late officer of the Customs in North Britain] to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a petition from himself, "by which he proposes to discover how y^{e} customs have been mismanaged, & desires somebody may be appointed to receive his intelligence: he also desires a place." Dated Westminster, 4 Aug. 1712.

The petition and copy of a report in his favour.

Minuted:—"Q. to put in writing w^{t} he has to propose." 3 *pages.*

[About Aug. 4.] 27. Petition of Captain James Long to her Majesty. By command of the Earl of Barrymore came express from Genoa with a packet from his L^{p} to Lord Lansdowne. Prays to be considered.

Referred on Aug. 4, 1712, to the Lord High Treasurer to report thereon.

The written order of Lord Barrymore for the going express. Indorsed thereon is a receipt for the packet. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 1 & 5. 28. Copy of letter of Mons. Broekhuysen to the Earl of Strafford. Apologised for not answering his L^{p} on the subject of the battalion of Mons. le Col. Leutrum. Wished to conform to her Majesty's pleasure as to the "capitulation" which in justice bound them. Asked his L^{p} to explain himself, and say how he would regulate the payments. Dated Hague, 12 Aug. 1712 [*i.e.* 1 Aug.]. 6 *pages.*

Also letter from the Earl of Strafford to the Lord High Treasurer. Nothing but his (the Lord Treasurer's) leisure at Windsor could make him believe he would read his (Earl Strafford's) long letter. Asked his Lordship to consider and send immediately his commands about the battalion of troops of the Prince of Ottingen. The Col. would be actually ruined unless his Lp ordered something immediately. The fund appointed by Parliament was more than sufficient this year. It was necessary for the Queen's honour that something should be done out of hand. The sooner the battalion was discharged the better; for the States desired nothing more than to get rid of it. Sent copy of the last treaty made about it, as likewise copy of Mons. Latmar's letter, who was president of the Committee for Foreign Affairs. In the next matter her Majesty's honour and interest were concerned, since it related to that half of the Holstein troops which were the only troops that stayed with the Duke of Ormonde and marched off with him. General "Barner" [?] who gave him these papers, was he whom the Dutch deputies broke, because he did not keep all the Holstein troops with them. His aide-de-camp also suffered on that account. The letter then proceeds :—"His pretension not to have the 2 & ½ per cent. stopped is that they only suffered it to my Lord Marlborough, who was to take care for it of their prompt payment and as he made it, it was a bribe from them to his Grace to be well paid, and he pretends that when they were not well paid he used to tell the Duke of Marlborough that he would not pay the 2 & ½ per cent., &c." Desired his Lordship would order these papers to be examined and send his commands about them. There was a battalion of Treves at Maestricht which was in the Queen's pay. They pleaded that they had not disobeyed, and so ought not to have their pay stopped, on which he got the Duke of Ormonde to send an order to the Colonel for a cessation in Maestricht, or else his pay would be stopped. The Colonel had cunningly written to the Duke that he declared a cessation; but it was not done openly. Had told the Envoy it must be done openly at the head of the battalion in Maestricht, or else they must lose their pay, which they would not submit to, for fear of disobliging the Emperor, of which he would advertise the Duke of Ormonde, and hoped it would have his Lp's [the Lord Treasurer's] approbation. The same course must be taken with the 4,000 Palatines likewise at Maestricht. Dated Hague, 16 Aug. [1712]. 6 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 5.] 29. Petition of six poor distressed widows of Londonderry to the Queen, complaining that at the siege of Londonderry their husbands were killed, their children starved, their houses burnt, their goods destroyed, and themselves constrained to eat rats and mice. They were the remainder of ten widows who came over to get some arrears due to their husbands, &c. Pray for assistance.

Minuted :—"5 Augt 1712. See whether these persons have not already had the Queen's bounty to carry them home.

"8 Augt 1712. 3 of them recd 5l a ps to carry them back.

"5 May 1713. My Lord looks upon them as common beggars, and will have no further consideracon wt them." 1 *page.*

Aug. 6. 30. Memorial of Mr John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer "about printing the xvth vol. of Leagues." Dated 6 Augt 1712.

Minuted :—"W^{t} prepared for 832^{li} 5^{s} 0^{d}, viz^{t}:

522^{l}	10^{s}	0^{d}	for transcribing and printing 259 vol. of y^{e} 15th tom. of R. F. [*Rymer's Fœdera*].
52	5	0	for binding at 5^{s} each.
92	10	0	for transcribing & printing 37 overplus sheets beyond the contracts in y^{e} 11, 12, 13, & 14th volumes.
67	10	0	for 27 overplus books above y^{e} 250 contracted for in the 12, 13, & 14 volumes, being for y^{e} universityes & other librarys purs^{t} to Act of Parl^{t}.
70	0	0	for two setts of the fourteen volumes in quires provided & đđ for our service.
27	10	0	for y^{e} fees & charges.
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Also M^{r} Churchill's demands for sheets printed beyond the contract. 2 *pages*.

Aug. 6. 31. Report of the Auditor [Harley] to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of several merchants, proprietors of bills of exchange drawn by Col. Hunter, Governor of New York, on her Majesty's account, praying to be paid ⅔rds of their bills until a further adjustment. The accounts sent over were for the expedition against Canada, amounting to 24,530*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.* The items were general, and without vouchers, and a great part was for provisions. It is not expressed how these were disposed of, or what became of the great quantities bought after the service was over. Proposed that Col. Hunter should be written to for a full and general account. It might be reasonable to put these gentlemen, whose bills amounted to 24,530*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, upon the same foot with the proprietors of the New England bills, by paying them two-thirds thereof, &c. [*Minuted*:—" Ordered to the Victuall^{s}, & to be charged in super to Col. Hunter, but the Comm^{rs} to ex^{a} w^{ch} bills were for provisions & w^{ch} for money advanced; a report hereof before issued, as also of the rates at w^{ch} the bills were drawne. A lrẽ writ."] The auditors would consider the petition touching bills drawn by Col. Vetch on account of the garrison of Annapolis, and M^{r} How's report thereon. Dated 6 Aug. 1712.

Minuted :—"Lrẽ to Coll^{o} Vetch to take care the Q. be reimbursed the provisions out of the pay of the garrison."

There is a further minute on the dorse:—"22 Aug^{t} 1712. A copy sent Coll^{o} Hunter." 4 *pages*.

[? About Aug. 8.] 32. Memorial of the executors of the late Auditor Done to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that the annexed petition and draft of report of the R^{t} Hon. Lord Bingley, Chancellor of the Exchequer, might be referred to such person as his L^{p} thought fit, the above Chancellor having vacated his office, not seeing fit to sign the report drawn up by him.

The petition and draft and various other papers relating thereto. The report referred to advises that 25*l.* for every 100,000*l.* accounted for, should be allowed to the executors of the late Auditor Done and M^r Moody, his chief clerk. 18 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 8.] 33. "An abstract of the musters of the British troops as they were taken by the Comm^rs the 3^d & 8^th of Aug^t 1712." Marked No. 1. 1 *page.*

Another copy. "Attested by G. Murray." 2 *pages.*

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[About Aug. 12.] 1. Memorial of Sir John Jennings, Admiral on the Mediterranean station, to the Queen. The instructions he received relating to Port Mahon led him to enquire into the state thereof, and he found the poor creatures sent thither in such a miserable state that he prevailed with an engineer to draw a plan and estimate of the charge of building a hospital on an island near the harbour mouth, copies of which he sent to the Com^rs of Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. Shows the reasons that induced him to give instructions to the agent for the Com^rs to contract for building the same, and that the Com^rs of the Admiralty would not allow the charges thereof until the royal pleasure was signified. Prays the royal indulgence, and that the agent may not be allowed to be dismissed.

Minuted:—"12^th Aug. 1712. To be read when the acco^t of this hospital arrives from y^e inspectors." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 2. Com^rs for Sick and Wounded to M^r Taylour. Encloses letter from M^r Griffith, their agent at Port Mahon, asking for the Lord Treasurer's directions thereon. Dated 12 Aug. 1712.

The letter named. M^r Griffiths had received notices of action for bills given for the public service which were not honoured. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 13. 3. "Treasurer of the Navy's report [to the Lord High Treasurer] relating to the bills of exchange drawn on the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded." Dated 13 Aug. 1712.

Encloses the particulars of the same in tabular form. 7½ *pages.*

[About Aug. 13.] 4. Petition of Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Sir James Caldwell, Bart., to the Queen. Had brought herself under liabilities to pay the debts for the public service incurred by her late brother, Col. Hugh Caldwell, who was killed before "Doway," as was certified by Sir Alexander Cairnes, Sir David Hamilton, and others. Prayed an enlargement of her pension of 100*l.* per ann. Her Majesty had expressed an inclination to show her a mark of favour at the time she

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served the Crown "in the business of Lenox." Hoped her Majesty would allow her "a gentlewoman's bread."

Minuted:—"13 Aug^{t} 1712. She must be content. The revenues are not in a condition to admit the enlarging of pencõns." 1 *page*.

[About Aug. 14.] 5. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer of several merchants concerned in the bills drawn for the late expedition to Canada by Col. Dudley.

Minuted:—"14 Aug^{t} 1712. To the aud^{rs} & others to whom the bills for this expedicõn were referred, & to enq^{e} where the bills are drawn for money, whether the m^{o} has been actually advanced for the said bills." 1 *large page*.

Aug. 14. 6. Memorial of John Manley, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for money to carry on the survey of the manor of Westminster, the manor and bailiwick of S^{t} James's, and all her Majesty's lands, tenements, &c. in the city and liberty of Westminster, city of London, and co. of Midd.

Minuted:—"14th Aug. 1712. My Lord will consult M^{r} Chancellor about what is necessary to be ordered upon this mem^{ll}."

Again:—"11 7^{ber} 1712. 500 to M^{r} Borrett, to be applyed to this service as any 3 of the Comm^{rs} shall direct, whereof the Surv^{r} to be one." 1 *page*.

Aug. 14. 7. Report of Mess^{rs} Dodd and Warters [Com^{rs} for Perquisites of the Admiralty] to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of David Tew, of the city of Dublin, merchant. Petitioner was on board an Irish vessel as supercargo, taken by a privateer; but the petitioner encouraged the rest of the prisoners to revolt, and they overcame the privateer, which was sold at Lisbon as a perquisite of the Admiralty. Advise that the petitioner should have half the value of the same, as a reward for his bravery and recompense his losses. Dated 14 Aug. 1712.

Minuted:—"28 Aug^{t} 1712. Agreed, but to be paid out of Adm^{ty} perquisites."

An Order in Council and the petition. 4 *pages*.

Aug. 15. 8. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer as to the royal grant and conveyance of the land and baronies of Sundram and Auchincruwe, and the lands of Castlemadre and Kairminnow, lying within the sheriffdom of Air and stewartry of Kircudbright, in favour of Allan, Lord Cathcart, and Charles, Master of Cathcart, his son. Dated Edinburgh, 15 Aug. 1712. 1½ *pages*.

[? About Aug. 15.] 9. Petition of Alexander Irwin, surveyor of the port of Dundalk in Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had supported the Protestant interest in the North of Ireland, and more particularly in shutting the gates of Londonderry and continuing a lieutenant during the siege there. Had been a surveyor ever since, in several ports of Ireland. Prays his Lordship's recommendation to the Com^{rs} of Revenue in Ireland for a surveyor's place in Dublin.

Certificate in his favour. Dated 15 Aug. 1712. 1 *page*.

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Aug. 15. 10. Copy of memorial by the Principal Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of 128,048*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* still due to them for the year's service. Dated Office of Ordnance, 15 Aug. 1712.

Minuted :—"28 Aug^{t} 1712. Ex^{n} this by the proporcõns 12,500 land ser. 12,500 sea ser." ½ *page.*

Aug. 15. 11. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, estimating at 864*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, the costs of fitting up a large room adjoining Westminster Hall, for keeping the records of the Court of Queen's Bench, and for making further conveniences for the judges of that court, Dated 15 Aug. 1712.

Minuted :—"18 7br 1712. The estimate reduced to 474 10 8 & a w^{t} to performe y^{e} work." 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 12. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Would take all opportunities of lessening the expense of the office as far as lay in their power. The great charges were the trains in Flanders, amounting to 53,000*l.* 11*s.* per ann. Dated 15 Aug. 1712. 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 13. Samuel Lynn to M^{r} Taylor, docquetted :—"Letter from Secretary-at-War with an acco^{t} of the detachm^{ts} to be made out of several reg^{ts} to be disbanded in Britain, w^{ch} are to be sent to Dunkirk as recruits for the reg^{ts} in y^{e} garris^{n}, with a letter from Admiralty thereupon." Dated Whitehall, 15 Aug. 1712.

The account and letter. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 14. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Taylour, Treasury. There had been expended in fitting up the priory at Minorca, used as an hospital for sick seamen, 607*l.*, and the rent 30*l.* per ann., which was paid in provisions, the friars being of the Franciscan Order, who never meddled with money. The hospital was given up by them and no allowance made. They were very poor, and had nothing but what they got by begging. Dated 16 Aug. 1712.

Minuted :—"Read 19th Aug. 1712." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Aug. 18. 15. Com^{rs} of Customs, Scotland, to William Lowndes, Esq. Thought it proper that M^{r} Boyle should repair to the ports of Inverness, Aberdeen, and Montrose to enquire into the abuses and frauds there, to lay the same before the L^{d} High Treasurer, as they had lately done by the ports of Dundee, Perth, Kirkcaldy, and Borrowstoness. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 18 Aug^{t} 1712. 1 *page.*

Aug. 21. 16. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Peter Putt, mate, and Simon Heeres Backer, master of a ship from Norway, captured by a French privateer, and afterwards taken by the "Warspight." The Admiralty decreed the restoration of the same to the petitioners. Suffering the goods to be entered and disposed of, would be contrary to the act of navigation ; but they might be landed, dried, and then re-shipped. Dated Custom House, London, 21 Aug. 1712.

Minuted ;—"Approved."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 21. 17. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (Medows and Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer, suggesting that in case any persons were appointed to transact business for the Government in North America, the remainder of the Canada stores should be sent thither, under their care to be disposed of: and if so, those damaged should be separated. Dated Comptroller's Office, Privy Gardens, 21 Aug. 1712.

Minuted:—"28 Aug^{t} 1712. Send this to Gen^{l} Nicholson."

Also a representation about the same. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 18. Report of Thomas Atterbury to the Lord High Treasurer. The messengers are appointed their "waits" by the Clerk of the Cheque, 20 each month; four attend the Queen, three the Council, and six each Secretary of State, and one the Lord Chamberlain. States from whom they receive their orders, &c. Dated 21 Aug. 1712. 1 *page.*

Aug. 21. 19. D. Kennedy, Secretary to the Duke of Ormonde, to the Lord High Treasurer. His Grace was of opinion the great charge of the artillery horses might be entirely saved, as well as most of the bread waggons, the troops being so few and so near Ghent, so that 25 waggons would suffice. If her Majesty approved, he desired orders to bring the artillery into Ghent, &c. His Grace had not received an answer from M^{r} Hill as to sending the meal at Ghent to Dunkirk. His Grace desired instructions as to winter quarters. Dated London, 21 Aug. 1712.

Extract of a letter from the Duke to Lord Bolingbroke dated at Gand, 21 Aug. 1712, in nearly the same terms, with this addition, viz., that the Holsteiners and Walef's dragoons had all the reason in the world to be satisfied with the Queen's present care of them. 3 *pages.*

Aug 21. 20. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Taylour. There were now 618 prisoners. A transport sailed from Plymouth on the 12th with all the French prisoners (386). Other prisoners were to be sent home. Sir Tho. Hardy came to Plymouth on the 16th with three prizes, and put ashore 384 prisoners; amongst them was the Chevalier Dare, commander of the "Griffin," formerly a man-of-war of 50 guns, laden with linen of 50,000*l.* value. There was a fourth called the "S^{t} Esprit," of about 36 guns, which blew up in the engagement, and most of the men were lost. There never was a cartel settled between us and France for the exchange of prisoners, but in 1703 the Comte de Mornay, a French prisoner then in England, made the first proposal of an exchange of prisoners taken at sea, and showed for that purpose a power from Mons^{r} Ponchastrain. They (the Com^{rs}) had her Majesty's directions to treat with him, and agreed that man for man should be exchanged, and officer for officer of equal rank. In case there were not officers of equal rank, on each side, then 20 men for a captain of a man-of-war, and 10 for a lieutenant. This agreement was only verbal, and so the exchange was carried on until three years since, when there arose difficulties as to lieutenants and ensigns of men-of-war. We had none that bore

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the character of ensigns, and there was then an agreement to allow five men only for both lieutenants and ensigns, and in this manner the exchange stood. Dated 21 Aug. 1712.

Minuted:—"Read eod. die." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 21. The same to the same. There was no particular hardship in Mr William Slaughter's case, either as to the South Sea stock, or his debt, otherwise than to all their officers. Asked that his Lp would grant to them 14,180*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* for Ladyday quarter. Dated 23 Aug. 1712.

Enclose their memorial. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 24. 22. Isaac Townsend to the Lord High Treasurer. Giving his opinion as to whether Porchester Castle was a fitting place to erect a brewhouse for her Majesty's navy. There was room within the walls, but none of the materials would be of service. There was but one small well in the castle, 23 feet deep by 3 feet and in it 6 feet 9 in. of water; yielding about 1¾ tons a day. The castle was difficult of access to vessels. Could by no means think it was a proper place for a brewery. Dated Dock yard near Portsmouth, 24 Aug. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 26. 23. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Thomas Byerly, Collector and Receiver-General of the province of New York, as to the allowance of his charges on the seizure of the "Eagle" galley and her cargo made in March 1703–4. Dated 26 Aug. 1712.

The petition.

Minuted:—"23 Feb. 1712. Prepare a wt to allow this sum in his acct." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 26 and Sept. 3. 24. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on the savings at the end of the last war in respect to the charge of the packet boats; and on the savings to be effected in the management thereof during "the present cessation by sea." There were five boats between Harwich and "Helvoitsluice." Four might serve the contract with Mr Macky, for the Dover boats would cease in a month after the peace. For the Lisbon boats there was no direct intercourse by packet boats between England and Portugal until this war; and at first only every 14 days by three vessels; but on the King of Spain going to Portugal they were ordered to go every week, which added two more boats. Proposed, in order to lessen expense, that the boats should be allowed to carry goods, from which during the war they had been restrained. But difficulties might happen by the Portuguese officers of customs searching the boats, particularly if freighted with gold and silver, great quantities of which had been brought over during the war to the advantage of the nation. Dated General Post Office, 26 Aug. 1712.

Minuted:—"Send to ye Postmr to know what was the establishmt for packet boats dur. ye last peace."

Enclosed is another paper going into detail as to the expenses of these boats. Dated 3 Sept. 1712. 6 *pages.*

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In the *Minute Book,* Vol. XVII., p. 269, is:—"Postmrs Genll are called in. Their paper for reducing the charge of the pacquet boats is read. My Lord orders them to take care that the charge be reduced accordingly, by wch will be saved 6,328. 17. 0., besides what may be further saved out of wear & tear."

Aug. 26. 25. John Bishop to the Lord High Treasurer. Presumes that the old books and waste papers of the several offices of customs, excise, victualling, &c. are as actually her Majesty's stores as are old cables, ropes, anchors, &c. in her Majesty's yards. For above 20 years had bought and sold these kind of stores. The persons who had the sale of them would not sell all they had to any one person, thinking to conceal the profits they made, but that method would save 1,000*l.* per ann. There were great quantities of books bound in vellum and parchment, which he proposed to strip and take out of the covers, which would serve for several times, and be a considerable saving. If his Lp thought fit to appoint an office or warehouse in some convenient place of the city where all these stores might be brought one person and a porter would be sufficient to receive, strip, and dispose of all such waste books and papers, and they might be disposed of for ready money.

Minuted:—"26 Augt 1712. My Lord will make an enquiry & Mr Bishop shall hear further. Exe whether anything be brot to accot for these wst. books & papers." 1 *page.*

Aug. 27. 26. Lord Dartmouth to the Principal Officers of Ordnance. Sends estimate and plan of the fortifications of Port Mahon, delivered by the Duke of Argyle for their perusal and report. They were also to report on the establishment of the officers and gunners, &c. there. Dated Whitehall, 27 Aug. 1712. 1 *page.*

[The estimate and plans are not now with it].

Aug. 28. 27. Attorney General (Northey), to ———. Had altered the draft of the Privy Seal according to her Majesty's directions. Dated 28 Aug. 1712.

The draft referred to, and a fairer copy with some additional alterations. It was to authorise Mr Compton to deliver the plate in his hands belonging to the personal estate of the H.R.H. the Prince of Denmark. 6 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 28. Wine licence salary bill for the year 1707, with a note at the foot that it was allowed by the Earl of Oxford, 28 Aug. 1712. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 29.] 29. Regulations to be observed in her Majesty's foot guards.

Minuted:—"29 Augt 1712. Read." 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 2.] 30. "An estimate of the expence of the [army] service [in Spain] for the year ending the 29 December 1712, as also of what provision has been made by remittances or otherwise upon accompt thereof, and what is wanting to compleat the same."

Minuted:—"Read 2 Septr 1712. Vide the Minute Book" [Vol. XVII., p. 266, where it is referred to.] 2½ *pages.*

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Sept. 2. 31. Report of Francis Nicholson to the Lord High Treasurer. Was of opinion that the Canada stores should be sent abroad, and that M^{r} Netmaker, who had charge of them, should have them surveyed and packed. Dated 2 Sept. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 3. 32. Samuel Lynn to John Taylour, Esq. Sends a list of the regiments disbanded in Britain. Dated Whitehall, 3 Sept. 1712.

The list referred to.

Minuted :—"3 7^{br} 1712. Send this to the paymaster." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 33. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for 30,641*l.* 6*s.* to be paid to them. Dated 4 Sept. 1712.

Duplicate, with an additional memorandum at the end, and a copy of a previous memorial of 1 May 1712. 5½ *pages.*

[? About Sept. 5.] 34. Petition of Constant Oates and William Henley, on behalf of themselves and others, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had delivered a proposal to his Lordship for raising some millions of money. Hoped for a reasonable gratuity in proportion as it had been approved by Parliament, viz., in the duties laid on calicoes, &c.

Minuted :—"Read 5th Sept^{r} 1712. My Lord knows nothing of the pet^{rs} nor their services." 1 *page.*

Sept. 5. 35. Report of J. Warter to the Hon. W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., on the steps taken for the purchase of M^{r} West's house adjoining the Admiralty office, for the better accommodation of that office. An assignment was then ready to be executed. Dated 5 Sept. 1712.

Minuted :—"12 Nov. 1712. Read it w^{n} Tre͠r Navy is here." 1 *page.*

Sept. 5. 36. Sir W. Wyndham to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends a warrant for the Lord Treasurer's counter-signature, for placing the Earl of Hyndford's regiment upon the establishment in place of the Earl of Strafford's, which was to be raised in Britain. Dated Whitehall, 5 Sept. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 5. 37. Report of the Controller of the Accounts of the Army (P. Medows) to the Lord High Treasurer as to the pay of such regiments, prisoners in Spain, as were to be transferred to the establishment in Ireland. At the request of M^{r} Southwell, enclosed draft of a warrant. Dated 5 Sept. 1712.

Minuted :—"The w^{t} signd."

The draft named. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 5. 38. Report of W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Elizabeth Rowlands, wife of Reginald Rowlands, second lieutenant in the late Lieut.-General Ingoldsby's regiment, praying for a pension. Her husband was killed in the battle of Hochstedt. The fund was exhausted, but the Queen had directed that a man per troop should be mustered under a fictitious name, whereby the fund for the Flanders' widows would be enlarged, and the pensions paid more regularly. Dated Whitehall, 5 Sept. 1712.

Minuted :—"18 7br. 1712. When that comes in she wilbe paid." 1 *page.*

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[About Sept. 5.] 39. Memorial of Samuel Edwin, usher of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, proposing to give up his dwelling-house, "lying in the body of the Exchequer," to be used as an office for the lottery.

Report of Lord Halifax, Auditor of the Receipt. The many new offices of late years erected at the Exchequer had taken up all the room there proper for offices, and it would be very difficult to hire a house very near the Exchequer. Dated Exchequer, 5 Sept. 1712.

The letter referring the above matter to the Auditor.

Minuted:—"My Lord is inclinable to agree to a reasonable rent." 3 *pages*.

Sept. 6. 40. "Mr Bowyer the printer his affidavit concerning the xiiijth tome of Rymer's Fœdera, &c." Sworn 6 Sept. 1712. 1 *page*.

Sept. 8. 41. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Ask him to communicate to the Lord Treasurer a letter received from the Governors of the Chest at Chatham, desiring 22,000*l*. to be imprested to them for paying a year's pension due on that charity. Also as to the great arrear due to the paymaster of the marines. Dated Navy Office, 8 Sept. 1712.

The copy of the letter referred to. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 9. 42. Accounts of Charles Cæsar, Esq., Treasurer of the Navy: (1), as to South Sea stock; (2) of sums borrowed of the Bank and others; (3) of what tallies remained in his hands. Dated 9 Sept. 1712. 3 *pages*.

Sept. 9. 43. Memorial of Jos Bentley to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Was returning to his collection at Lancaster. Reminded his Lordship of his recommendations as a Comr of Customs in North Britain from Lord Mansell, the Comrs of Customs, and the Comrs of Salt, the Archbp of York, Duke Hamilton, and other persons of quality, and hoped they would speak for him. Dated 9 Sept. 1712. 1 *page*.

Sept. 10 and 11. 44. Comrs of Transports to Mr Lowndes. Send an estimate of the sums necessary before 1 Jan. for answering the course of the office. Dated 10 Sept. 1712.

Also a schedule of tallies in the hands of Thomas Micklethwaite, Treasurer for Transports. Dated 11 Sept. 1712. 2 *pages*.

Sept. 10. 45. Certificate of Lord Dartmouth that the Rt Hon. the Lord Lexington, her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of Spain, kissed her Majesty's hand and departed to his employment on 11 Aug. Dated at Whitehall, 10 Sept. 1712. ½ *page, quarto*.

Sept. 10. 46. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes, giving an estimate of sums necessary for the paying off and laying up of the fleet, &c. Dated Navy Office, 10 Sept. 1712.

Also list and estimates of ships already ordered to be paid off, and others "at home & expected home," and an estimate of the wages due to crews of ships lost or taken. Same date. 8 *pages*.

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Sept. 11. 47. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. Give an estimate of provisions necessary, supposing the number of men to be 20,000. Dated 11 Sept. 1712. 3 *pages, much injured by damp.*

Sept. 11. 48. "Mr Attorney Genll's report abt ye Comission for Collo Nicholson" to be her Majesty's Commr to make several enquiries in North America. The evidence would not be received in the courts here, but her Majesty might have an information of the state of her plantations. Dated 11 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

Sept. 11. 49. A state of the off-reckonings of the four independent companies of foot at New York, in America. Signed "Alexr Strahan, agent." Dated 11 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

Sept. 12. 50. An account of the condition of the clothing of the several detachments left at "Anna Polis" by Major-Genl Hill, according to the returns made by the Secretary-at-War. Dated 12 Sept. 1712. ½ *page.*

Sept. 12. 51. "30 August 1664. Allowance of provisions to the souldiers at Tangier." R. Sept. 12, 1712.

A paper thus docquetted. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 52. Mr Burchett to Mr Lowndes. "In answer to a lre of 11th touching bills drawn by Collo Vetch from Annapolis for maintaining a brigantine there during the absence of the 'Saphir.'" Dated Admiralty Office, 12 Sept. 1712.

Extract of a letter from the commander of the "Saphir," as to the impossibility of staying there for the winter. 2½ *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 12. 53. Report of Thomas Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Lord Burton, Captain of H.M. Yeomen of the Guard, and on a petition from the yeomen.

The memorial and petition referred to, on one of which is a docquet containing the substance of the report and relating to the allowance to the yeomen of the guard for liveries and watch gowns.

The report is dated Great Wardrobe, 12 Sept. 1721. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 54. Representations of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army, recommending Mr James Astry to succeed Mr King as their secretary. Dated Privy Garden, 12 Sept. 1712.

Also copy of Mr King's "Constitution."

Minuted:—"Send hither the establishmt of their office." 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 13. 55. Report of the Comrs for Stamps to the Lord High Treasurer, enclosing an account of the gross and net produce of the duties under their management. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 13 Sept. 1712.

The account named. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 56. Report of Lord Halifax [Auditor of the Receipt] to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposal of Mr Edwin, usher of the Receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer, to let his house for offices for the service of the lotteries. He expected 145*l.* a year rent and 100*l.* for damages by removal, as appeared in his paper annexed. Since the usher's proposal, Lord Fitzharding, teller of the Exchequer, had offered his house at 40*l.* per ann., which was very convenient. Dated Exchequer, 13 Sep^{r} 1712.

Minuted:—"16 7^{br} 1712. My Lord approves the proposicōn of my Lord Fitzharding."

The paper referred to, and a letter of M^{r} Lowndes referring the same to the Auditor. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 57. "A distribution of the sum of 1,858,953*li.* 15*s.* 4¼*d.* remaining 13th September 1712 upon the several fonds granted for the year 1712 to the several uses underwritten." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 58. Edward Southwell to the Lord High Treasurer. Had caused the several Londonderry widows who had petitioned her Majesty to appear before him, had examined their cases, and had drawn up a state of their several pretensions. Some of those who had already been relieved seemed to be impostors, and to produce counterfeit certificates, but Anne Smart, having a lame child to maintain, appeared to be an honest person, and was prevented by sickness from returning to Ireland on receiving her Majesty's last bounty. Dated Spring Gardens, 13 Sept^{r} 1712.

Minuted:—"18 7^{br} 1712. My Lord will have M^{r} Arnold, one of her Ma'^{s} justices of peace for Westm^{r} & Middx., to order these people before him & ex^{e} their certificates, and take care that such as falsify ye same be punished as they ought to be."

The "state" or "case" referred to. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 59. An account of the sums voted by Parliament for the services of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c. for the year 1712, and likewise for several extraordinary services of the war paid and to be paid by the Paymaster General of her Majesty's guards and garrisons, &c. Dated Pay Office, 15 Sept. 1712.

Also an account of the sums remaining to be paid. Same date. 5 *pages.*

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Sept. 16. 1. Demands by James Brydges, Esq. [Paymaster], and funds remaining in his power. Dated 16 September 1712. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 2. Similar demands by the Hon. John How. Same date. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 3. Marine services necessary to be supplied before 1st Jan. next, and the funds to answer the same. Same date. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 16. 4. "Jeosuah Gomez Serra" to the Lord High Treasurer as to the payment of the subsidies, and interest thereon, to the King of Portugal. Dated London, 16 Sept. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

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Sept. 16. 5. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy to the Lord [High Treasurer] for payment of 17,251*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* Dated 16 Sept. 1712.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

Sept. 16. 6. Proposal of John Neale to the Lord High Treasurer for the furnishing of the garrison at Port Mahon with provisions for twelve months. Dated 16 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

Sept. 16. 7. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of the Marquis of Montandre, as to arrears due for the arms of the regiment. Dated Office of Ordnance, 16 Sept. 1712.

Minuted:—"My Lord approves what has been done." 1 *page.*

Sept. 17. 8. The same to the same, laying before his Lordship an estimate of the charge of the office to 1 Jan. following. Dated 17 Sept. 1712.

The estimate. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 9. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer as to the slender securities taken in the port of London from merchants for the duties on tobacco imported. Dated 17 Sept. 1712.

The second *minute* on the back is:—"1st Oct. 1712. Read, M^{r} Attorney & M^{r} Soll^{r} being present." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 10. Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer to M^{r} Borret to apply 500*l.* for survey of London and Westminster. Dated 17 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

Sept. 18. 11. "The highest prices paid by the Comm^{rs} for victualling her Ma$^{t's}$ navy for several species of provisions on the old course, with the lowest prices since paid on the new course." Dated London, Victualling Office, 18 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

Sept. 18. 12. Report of the [Agents for Taxes] to the Lord High Treasurer on a proposition of the African Company in relation to the debt owing by them to M^{r} Albert, late Receiver General for the county of Worcester. Dated 18 Sept. 1712.

Seven other papers relating to the same matter.

Minuted:—"19 7^{ber} 1712. A copy to be given M^{r} Pindar for the use of the company." 14 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 13. Sir Isaac Newton and M^{r} Halley to the Lord High Treasurer. Had sent for M^{r} Cawood and heard what he had to offer concerning the instrument invented by him for the improvement of navigation, which being a new sort of magnetical needle proposed to stand truly north and south without any variation, they were of opinion that such a needle would be of good use, but upon examining the same, and repeating the examination several days, they found it weak in virtue and uncertain in its position, and for the most part it had a variation like other needles, so that they were not yet satisfied that it would be of use. Had given him further time, and when they met with satisfaction would signify it to his Lordship, Dated Leicester Fields, 18 Sept. 1712. (In Newton's hand.) 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 18.] 14. Petition of Peter Davenport, peruke maker, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his L^{p} to order M^{r} Lebas, [army] agent, to pay without delay Cornet Sims's note for 17*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

A small paper relating thereto.
Minuted:—"18 7br 1712. Already sent to ye comptrs."
Another petition from him and similar paper. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 19. 15. Report of the Controllers of Army Accounts (Medows and Bruce) to the Ld High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr John Netmaker, commissary of stores for the late expedition to Canada, as to the terms on which he would re-ship the remainder of those stores thither: advising the payment to him of 668*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* Dated 19 Sept. 1712.

His memorial and two other papers relating to the same.

Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1712. The 432. 2. 9. is a clayme grounded on ye contract and my Lord is pleased to allow him 100li more for his care of the goods from 11th Oct. 1711, until they are disposed: but he will have a sallary for going wth Collo Nicholson, with wch, and the sd 100li, he is to be satisfied: and both the 432. 2. 9. and 100li are to be a charge on ye produce of ye goods wch are to be sold by him, & in the mean time it is to be considered how some mony may be advanced thereupon." 5 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 19.] 16. "Abstract of the contract for victuall[ing] Tanger." Apparently in the handwriting of Mr Lowndes. The contract was dated 30 Aug. 1664.

Minuted:—"19 Sept. 1712. Prepare a paper to give publique notice that all persons may offer proposals for victuall[ing]. Port Mahon & Gibraltar." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 20. [or ? if N.S., Sept. 9.] 17. F. Manning to the Lord High Treasurer. For payment of arrears due to him. On the dorse is:—"There is due to Mr Manning as scr̃y to the gris̃ons for a year & ¾ from 25th Decr 1710 to 29 Sepr 1712 on his allowance of 40s a day 1,288li 0 0. He is paid his extrrys to 18th July 1710 from whence noe bill is brought in. What he desires in his letter is halfe a year to bring him home, wch comes to 364li." Dated Coire, 20 Sept. 1712. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 18. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer from workmen employed in fitting up and repairing the house for the Transfer Office for the 1,500,000*l.* lottery for the year 1710, praying payment.

Also a letter from Mr Lowndes to the Comrs for the lottery, enclosing the bill of Samuel Edwin, Esq., usher of the Exchequer, for necessaries delivered in by him for the service of the Transfer Office for the lottery, and the bills of the workmen. Dated Treasury Chambers, 22 Sept. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 19. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. The general officers serving there desired his Lp to transmit their memorial, asking that since the war was so near a conclusion, they might continue to receive their pay. His Lp thought they were equally entitled to it as in former years tho' the establishment had not provided for them. Dated Gand, 4 Oct. 1712, [*i.e.*, 23 Sept. O. S.]

The memorial and a list of the general officers. 3 *pages.*

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Sept. 23. 20. Three copies of reports and one original, a bill of exchange, and an account, relating to the prize ship "Le Jean de Grace," taken by her Majesty's ship "Newcastle," apparently in the year 1705, and delivered to William Salter, agent for her Majesty's Prize Office. They relate to the claims of the captors. The last date is 23 Sept. 1712. 6 *pages, two parts.*

Sept. 23. 21. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy (Cæsar) to the Lord High Treasurer, asking for the issue of 50,000*l.* Dated 23 Sept. 1712.

Minuted:—"This 50,000*l.* to be pd out of tallys on 15th 4 sh. ayd and out of the interest due thereupon wch inter. is is be surcharged for ye Queen's adva. Lr̃e signed." 1 *page.*

Sept. 24. 22. Comrs for Transports (Roope and Colby) to Mr Lowndes. As to the charge for shipping provisions, &c. supplied for the allies. Dated 24 Sept. 1712.

Enclosed is an account of hay, oats, &c. supplied to a Dutch transport at Plymouth in Feb. 1706. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 23. Report of W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Gilbert Marshal, Esq., Deputy Commissary of the forces serving in the Low Countries. The appointment of the deputy commissaries to act in a particular place would be a means to strengthen the Queen's commission, and no injustice to the Commissary General. Dated Whitehall, 24 Sept. 1712.

Minuted:—"Ult. Oct. 1712. Read. To be considered when the D. of Ormd is here." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 24. Mr John Antis to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the books, instruments, and papers of the late Court of Wards, consisting of duplicates of inquisitions post-mortem, and all the proceedings of course in that court, &c., removed to a room over the Prince's Chamber at Westminster. Advised that each instrument should be digested according to order of time, with regard to the subject-matter of it, and the contents put in a calendar with three indexes, one of the surnames, another of the lands, and the third of matters alphabetically disposed, &c. Further, that two or three persons conversant with records should be employed, who might be sworn before a baron of the Exchequer (these papers formerly relating to the revenue) not to embezzle or alter any of them. Was willing to undertake the custody of them and supervise the work without salary, and if her Majesty approved the Lord Marshal's nomination of him to be Garter [King at Arms], submitted whether the warrant might not annex these papers to that office, since these instruments were the surest proofs of descents of the nobility and gentry. Dated 24 Sept. 1712.

A memorial from him on the same subject in nearly the same terms. 4 *pages, injured by damp.*

Sept. 25. 25. "An accot of the services whereunto the moneys advanced upon tallys & orders were applyd," from Mr Brydges's office. Dated 25 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 25. 26. W. Wyndham to M^{r} Lowndes. Returns the project of a contract for provisions for a garrison of 4,000 men at Minorca, and 2,000 men at Gibraltar. Has considered the draft of an establishment (also returned) for an hospital at Dunkirk. Sends also a new establishment for the garrison at Minorca, with the addition of 2,000*l.* upon account of contingencies, for counter-signature by the Lord Treasurer. Has written to the Lords of the Admiralty about the clothing for the regiments in Spain, which lie ready to be shipped off. Dated Whitehall, 25 Sept. 1712.

Minuted :—"Read 26 Sep^{r} 1712." 4 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 26. 27. The same to the same. Sends the duplicates signed by her Majesty of the four establishments of the troops in Flanders, as also the establishment of the garrison of Annapolis, for counter-signature of the Lord Treasurer. Also desires the following to be laid before his L^{p}, viz.:—

A letter from him to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the reduction of an additional company raised by Lieut.-Col. Duncan Mackenzy, for the third regiment of foot guards, to be employed in the Highlands, to prevent the thefts and depredations in the north of Scotland. Both dated Whitehall, 26 Sept. 1712. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 27. 28. The same to the same. Encloses copy of a letter from M^{r} Burchett, concerning the clothing of the regiments to be sent to Spain, and transports for the same. Dated Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1712.

The enclosure.

Minuted :—"Lett an estim. be sent of what the charge wilbe and how much the men-of-war can take in." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 27. 29. Col. Gledhill to William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses the particulars of his case. After having spent his youth and blood in the service, the regiment has been given too many times unjustly from him, and now he is reduced to half-pay. Dated Carlisle, 27 Sept. 1712.

His petition.

Was at the siege of "Doway," much wounded and dragged naked into the town, and lost all his equipage, &c.

Affidavit as to sums paid by the Col. to the several officers who were killed (311*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*). 3 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 30. Contingencies of divers natures, payable at the Exchequer between Michaelmas 1709 and Mich. 1712.

The last entry is:—"28 Sept. 1712. To W^{m} Penn, Esq^{r}., in part of 12,000^{li} in consideracōn of his surrendering into the hands of her Ma^{ty} his pretentions to Pensilvania, &c., 1,000[*l.*]" 17 *pages.*

[Perhaps about Sept. 29.] 31. Draft of a constitution for M^{r} Broughton to finish the receipt of the revenues of North Wales to Michaelmas 1712. Approved by M^{r} Attorney General.

Minuted :—"Constitution signd." 1¼ *pages.*

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Sept. 29. 32. "A state or view of the fond for the 2 million adventure, anno 1711, with the deficiency thereupon at Mich̃as 1712."

A draft thereof which differs slightly. 4 *pages.*

[About Sept. 29.] 33. "Duties on hides, &c. excl. of Scotland and imported skins. From Mich. 1711 to about Mich^s 1712." 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 34. "Treasurer of the Navy's memorial for 58,000[*l.*]," with minutes that the sums in the items were ordered. Dated 30 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

? Sept or Oct. 35. "A state of what will be wanting to carry up the service in Flanders to the 22nd of December 1712." 1 *page.*

Oct. 1. 36. Sir Ambrose Crowley to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends thanks from the directors of the South Sea Company for the two ships ordered to take their goods on board. The directors pray to know for how long time they are to be victualled. Dated South Sea House, 1 Oct. 1712. 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 37. A letter docquetted :—"From D[uke of] Hamilton in relac̃on to an establishm^t of ordnance officers at Annapolis."

Merely a covering letter. Dated St. James's Square, 3 October 1712. 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 38. Sam^l Lynn (in the absence of Sir W^m Wyndham) to M^r Lowndes. Sends according to the last returns from Spain, an abstract of the number of prisoners coming from thence, which are to be carried to Ireland, and of others to be brought to England. Dated Whitehall, 3 Oct. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 3. 39. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of "Mary Lady Dowager Blaney" to her Majesty, praying a grant of 10*s.* a day more for the maintenance of herself and family, in addition to the like pension already allowed upon the establishment of Ireland. Had referred the matter to the Lords Justices, who had further referred it to the mustermaster-general of that kingdom. Enclosed their reports. The estate of the Lord Blaney was under sequestration, and the family very low and necessitous, and the [former] 10*s.* a day was not sufficient. They were objects of compassion. Dated Whitehall, 3 Oct. 1712.

Minuted :—"1 Oct. 1713. My Lord thinks the revenues will not bear the enlarging of penc̃ons,"

The reports referred to. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 40. Memorial signed W. Wyndham, to the Lord High Treasurer, in regard to reductions in the guards, garrisons, and land forces in Great Britain. Dated 4 Oct. 1712.

Encloses abstract of the charge of the same, and further reductions proposed to be made.

Minuted :—"17 Oct. 1712. Sir W^m Windham will prepare the nec̃ry orders, and attend the Queen at Windsor." 5 *pages.*

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Oct. 4. 41. "A proposall most humbly offered by Colonel Thomas Ekines, for supplying the garrisons of Gibralter of 2,000 men, and Port Mahon of 4,000 men with provisions, according to the quantitys mencioned in the Gazett, he perfittly understanding the business, haveing bin command^r of a man-of-warr 23 yeares, and at the same time pursur and victualler of many of them. He hath this 3 years her Majt's brevet for colonel of foot, and her commission as governor of Scilly." Dated 4 Oct. 1712. 1 *page.*

Oct. 7. 42. Proposal of Mr. Robert Corker of Falmouth, merchant, and Christopher Keon of London, merchant, towards supplying 6,000 men at Minorca and Gibraltar with beef, pork, oatmeal, and butter. Dated 7 Oct. 1712. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 43. An account of the sums issued to James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster General of her Majesty's forces, for various services, out of the funds granted for the year 1712, to the 7th of October 1712. 18½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 44. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts (Medows and Bruce) and the master worker of the Mint (Sir Isaac Newton) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of M^r Brydges, as to the rate at which French current money should be computed for the subsistence of her Majesty's forces in Dunkirk. Dated Controllers' Office, Privy Gardens, 7 Oct. 1712.

M^r Brydges's memorial, also an elaborate paper by Sir Isaac Newton on the course of exchange with France and Holland. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 45. "Auditor Harley's report on extraordinary payments in L^d Fitzharding's office, Treasurer of the Chamber." Dated 7 Oct. 1712.

The Treasurer of the Chamber's memorial thereon and two other papers. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 46. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy to the L^d High Treasurer for 40,000*l.* to be supplied for the navy. Dated 7 October 1712. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 8. 1. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy for 17,500*l.* for paying off and laying up at Chatham her Majesty's ship, the "Norwich." Dated 8 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e signed 10 Oct. 1712." 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 2. Secretary-at-War (Wyndham) to William Lowndes, Esq. Returns the memorial of James Brydges, Esq., touching the reduced officers of several regiments, and their title to half-pay. Dated Whitehall, 9 Oct. 1712.

The memorial, a list of the regiments disbanded, and another paper on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 14. 3. Certificate of the Controllers of Army Accounts as to three days' pay to General Steuart's regiment in the year 1709. Dated 14 Oct. 1712. 1 *page.*

Oct. 14. 4. "Navy memorial for 30,000*li.* to pay the new course & lost ships."

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Similar memorial for 18,800*li.* to pay off the "Portsmouth" and "Strombelo."

Minuted:—"17 Oct. 1812. Ordered." Both dated 14 Oct. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 5. Secretary-at-War to M^r^ Lowndes. Sends for the counter-signature of the Lord High Treasurer, the establishment for the hospital of Dunkirk signed by her Majesty, as proposed by the Duke of Ormond. Dated Whitehall, 15 Oct. 1712.

The establishment referred to. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 6. "Grants in parliam^{t} for services under the care of James Brydges, Esq^{r}: payments thereupon & the complem^{ts} remayning." Dated 15 Oct. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 7. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the proposals made by the Royal African Company, relating to the extent issued against them on the bonds of Fletcher Albert, by virtue of which extent the sheriffs were in possession of their house and books; also on a letter of Sir John Packington on the same business. Was of opinion that the security offered by the company might be accepted. Dated 15 Oct. 1712.

Proffer of security, the proposal, copy of Sir John Packington's letter, and two other letters on the same subject.

Minuted:—"17 Oct. 1712. My Lord will hear both sides on Tuesd^{a} & M^{r} Attor. & M^{r} Soll^{r} are to be here then. Send notice."

Again:—"21 Oct. 1712. M^{r} Att., M^{r} Soll^{r}, y^{e} Comm^{rs} for Taxes, African Comp^{a}, Albert, & many others called in."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVII., p. 290, is a report of the examination of the persons concerned, concluding:—"The partys or their attorneys are to meet together & to state all the facts in writing, and if either pty has any new proposal to make, it is to be put in writing; and they are to attend M^{r} Attorney & M^{r} Soll^{r} therewith, with all speed, who will make report thereupon to his Lo^{p}." 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 16. 8. Sir W. Wyndham to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Sends copy of a petition presented to her Majesty on behalf of a great number of soldiers lately disbanded and lying about the street. Her Majesty, seeing the prejudice it may be to her service to suffer such objects to be neglected and become a burthen, as well as an offence to the town, recommends the Lord High Treasurer to give directions for the immediate meeting of the Com^{rs} for Chelsea Hospital in order to examine their pretensions to the benefits of the hospital, and to make provision for them, Dated Whitehall, 16 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"21 Oct. 1712. Speak to S^{r} W^{m} Windham to know what objection he has to their being continued on the est[ablishment] of the regim^{t} to w^{ch} they belonged till further order. Write to S^{r} W^{m} to be here to-morrow 22th do, and to know what allowance may be proper to send home those that belonged to regim^{ts} that are broke to the Com^{rs} of the Hosp^{ll} to examine the qualificac̃ons of every one, and to certifie to what reg^{ts} they respectively belonged, and to make a returne imediatly. The Sec^{ry}-at-War to write to ye Gen^{ll} that the men sent over hither must be a charge to the respective reg^{ts}, till there be room in the hosp^{ll}." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 16. 9. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Lowndes. Had inquired of the Treasurer of the Navy as to the rates of exchange for bills drawn on that office from Barbadoes, Boston, New York, and Antigua, and found that those from Barbadoes were drawn at 25 per cent. and those from New England and Antigua at 45, whilst their (the Com^{rs}') bills were drawn at 10 per cent., they having contracted with M^{r} Keysham, a Barbadoes merchant, to accept them from thence at that rate. Dated 16 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Chancellor to see to this."

Again:—"24 Jan^{ry} 1712–13. The lesser sum to be p̃d out of the 130,000^{li} borr^{d} on S. S. Stock." 2 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 17.] 10. Petition of the officers of her Majesty's late regiment of foot commanded by Col. Jasper Clayton, to the Lord High Treasurer. Their regiment suffered much at the siege of Doway in April 1710, and at the close of the campaign lost 150 men with their arms, at the action on the Lyss. They completed their companies and in April 1711 embarked for the expedition to Canada, in which they lost a great many men, and when they landed in England again filled up their companies at great expense. On a report that the privates were to be drafted to Dunkirk, two or three nights before the regiment was disbanded, a great many deserted, which occasioned large respits to be made. Pray for their arrears and to be allowed full on the muster roll.

Minuted:—"17 Oct. 1712. To the Comm^{rs} for stating y^{e} army acco^{ts}." 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 11. Memorial of William Royd to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays for the place of deputy searcher in the port of London. "R. Octo. 17, 1712. Recommended by the Hon^{ble} Henry Bertie." 1 *page.*

Oct. 18. 12. Copy of memorial of Sir William Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer representing the applications which had been made for allowance for fire and candle for the garrison of Dunkirk. The garrison was also destitute of all manner of ammunition. They had neither powder, balls, nor shells, not even for our own 24 pieces of cannon which were in the citadel, and they could not

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be supplied by the Duke of Ormond, his Grace not knowing whether he might not have occasion at Gand, for all the ammunition her Majesty had in the country. Dated Oct. 18, 1712. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 13. Memorial of Mr Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for 12,887*l.* 12*s.* for the pay of the King of Portugal's troops serving in Catalonia, about to march through Spain into their own country, pursuant to conventions entered into by her Majesty's generals and plenipotentiaries. Dated 20 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"21 Oct. 1712. Ordered. Lre͂ signed." 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 14. Order of Council on a report of the Duke of Hamilton, Master General of the Ordnance, for the provision of stores for the province of New York by the Master General of the Ordnance. Dated 20 Oct. 1712. "Duplicate."

Estimate for the same. (Copy.) 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 20 & 21. 15. Three memorials of the Treasurer of the Navy to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., for 526*l.* 5*s.*, 32,000*l.*, and 242*l.* 10*s.* Dated 20 and 21 Oct. 1712. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 16. "A list of transports, with their burthen and number of men each ship is to carry, which are to bring home the prisoners from Bayonne." Dated Transport Office, 22 Oct. 1712. ½ *page.*

Oct. 24. 17. Secretary-at-War (Wyndham) to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Such soldiers as were not qualified for relief from Chelsea Hospital usually came to his office for passes to carry them home, by virtue whereof they were subsisted by the civil magistrates on the road until they arrived at their abodes, without any charge to her Majesty. Dated Whitehall, 24 Oct. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 4 to Oct. 24. 18. Pay Office. Memorials of Mr Brydges for supplies of money for the troops in Spain, Portugal, the Low Countries, Canada, Italy, and at Dunkirk; also some reports on individual cases and other papers connected with the Pay Office. Dated between 4 Jan. and 24 Oct. 1712. *A parcel.*

Oct. 25. 19. Secretary-at-War (Wyndham) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received complaints and prayers for relief from the justices of the peace of the co. of Kent, concerning the excessive charges for conveying sick and wounded soldiers sent home from the army and garrisons in Flanders, whereby the county stock was very much exhausted. Proposed that the same arrangement should be made as was made on the Essex Road, and that the charge should cease on the latter, as few or none would come home that way. Dated Whitehall, Oct. 25, 1712.

The arrangement referred to.

Minuted:—"28th Oct. 1712. To be read when the Comrs are here." 2½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 27.] 20. Memorial of Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Esqres, Comrs to execute the office of Master of the Horse, to the Lord High

Treasurer, praying for the issue of 3,000*l.* for the tradesmen who supplied the liveries. "R. Octo. 27, 1712." 1 *page.*

Oct. 29. 21. Sir Isaac Newton to the Lord High Treasurer. The late smith of the Mint, M^{r} Tho^{s} Silvester, had "supported himself" against him (Sir Isaac) and the other officers of the Mint by his interest with the Officers of Ordnance (whose smith he also was). In order to prevent the like treatment for the future by a servant, the salary of 50*l.* per ann. to the smith was in the two last indentures of the Mint, declared to cease upon the next voidance of the place, with intention to settle a smaller salary only by warrant. Richard Fletcher had for two years done the work, and he (Sir Isaac) had paid him according to ancient agreement, but he complained that without a salary he could not carry on the service. Prayed that he might pay the smith for the time being, by warrant under the sign manual, 30*l.* or 40*l.* per ann. The smith at Edinburgh was allowed 30*l.* per ann. Dated Mint Office, Oct. 29, 1712.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Oct. 29. 22. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty "for her Majesty," proposing to pay off three of her Majesty's ships which convoyed home the East India fleet. Dated Admiralty Office, 29 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"31 Oct. 1712. To the L^{ds} of Ad^{lty} to know what this will come to." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 23. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer as to the officers accountable for stores, the method of passing the accounts, &c. Com^{rs} were appointed for the trains in Flanders and Spain, who issued out no stores but by command of the colonel or commander-in-chief of the train. The accounts for Spain were very imperfect, by reason of the several battles, wherein great quantities of stores were lost. The King of Spain having generally little or no stores in the field, our officers had to supply the whole army. Dated 30 Oct. 1712.

Minuted:—"My Lord is of opinion that such stores as have been delivered to any forces (other than those of her Ma^{ty}) ought to be charged to the acco^{ts} of the Princes or States whose forces received the same, unless they were đđ pursuant to any treaty obliging her Ma^{ty} to furnish y^{e} same. Write to the Aud^{rs} of Imp^{rsts} to know when any acco^{ts} of stores in kind belonging to ye navy or Ordñce were passed in the Exchequer, & who ought to pass such acc^{ts}." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 30.] 24. Memorial of the officers of Brigadier James Dormer's regiment to the Lord High Treasurer relating to the balance of subsistence due to them.

Minuted:—"30 Oct. 1712. Already sent to Comm^{rs} army debts. See what returne they make." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 25. "Copy of M^{r} Godolphin's mem^{l} delivered to the Com^{rs} of Customs as to the establishment of clerks for his office, whose business was to register all trading ships, &c." Dated Custom house, London, 31 Oct. 1712. 1 *page.*

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[? About Oct. 31.] 26. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer from Derby Dermott, for himself and the discoverers of concealments, commons, royalties, and other forfeitures in Ireland, and some in England ("found out when there," as by a true copy of a will would appear). Had petitioned his Lp before his departure out of Windsor, having heard such an extraordinary character of his wisdom and care to serve her Majesty, tho' he found the contrary when he (the Lord Treasurer) would not answer him (the petitioner). It might be her Majesty did lay aside the thirteen petitions which petitioner gave her for the "use of the poorest in the kingdom," or otherwise they were miscarried in favour of some "poetent" and treasonable persons by some black gownsman. Petitioner was threatened of his life by treasonable and seditious persons, who disannulled her Majesty's power, and said they would not obey her commands in any respect, they being the chief inventors of this oath against the "Roman prists" and her Majesty's poor subjects to breed a dissension between the "Romans" and Protestants, notwithstanding the articles made in Limerick, and confirmed by Parliament. They had hindered these three weeks past "the service of God and subjects," forcing them to fly from house and home, and would take no notice of her Majesty's last proclamation of cessation of arms for six months. The petitioner and the poor of Ireland depended on his Lp to "insence" her Majesty of these things, and to forward the enclosed petition to her Majesty and put in a *caveat* that she would not grant any patent of the forfeitures; for there were persons in London who he believed had petitioned for forfeitures valued at 30,000*l.*, besides the towns and lands belonging to them, valued at 1,000*l.* per ann. Petitioner must make a large book of the particulars, and must obtain her Majesty's directions to the Duke of Ormond to give all necessary orders, as well as directions to Judge Coote to stand by and give orders and warrants for the protection of the petitioner, who had been almost killed on Sunday the 15th of August last. Prayed his Lp to second the enclosed petition to her Majesty.

Minuted:—"31 Oct. 1712. Read."

The petition to her Majesty referred to, complaining that the petitioners had time out of mind several parcels of commons and high roads until lately, when they were unjustly taken from them by "poetent" persons, who unjustly detained them by way of concealment. The Presbyterians had composed "an oath on set purpose to breed dissension between Romans and Protestants," to enable themselves to be in rebellion against her Majesty and subjects, being nine to one in number, arms and money both in England and Ireland. They were now compelling her Majesty's subjects to pay taxes contrary to late Acts, besides forcing them to build churches, to their utter ruin, notwithstanding a late Act that all bishops, deans, and ministers should build all parish churches and chapels in Ireland at their own charge these twenty-one years to come. Prayed her Majesty to send the necessary orders by the Lord High Treasurer. 2 *pages.*

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1712. Oct. 31. 27. Sir W. Wyndham to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., as to the provision of necessaries in the barracks ("cazernes") at Dunkirk which are allowed and furnished to her Majesty's troops at Ghent; also as to the settlement of the establishment of the garrison. Dated Whitehall, 31 Oct. 1712. 1 *page.*

[? About Oct.] 28. Representation to the L^{d} High Treasurer from the merchants in whose hands the bills were that were drawn by Col. Hunter, Governor of New York, upon the expedition to Canada, asking for an order to be made to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay the same.

Minuted :—"The Com^{rs} of Vict^{g} to keep a distinct acco^{t} of what they pay upon Coll^{o} Hunter's bills, & to write to him forthwith to send over a particular acco^{t} of what he has drawn for y^{e} service of y^{e} victualling."

Also a list of the bills, on which is a *Minute* of 23 Oct. 1712, "Send this to the Audrs," and one or two other papers. 12 *pages in a dilapidated condition.*

VOL. CLIV. 1712. NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1. 1. Memorial of the Secretary-at-War to the Lord High Treasurer, referring to a letter from Mons. le Blanc, and a representation of the magistracy of Dunkirk, as to the lodging of the officers. Had written to him that the expense of bedding, &c. which had been furnished to the citadel, Fort Louis, the Rysbank, and other forts, which used to be furnished at the charge of the King of France, should be borne by her Majesty, &c. Dated 1 Nov. 1712.

Minuted :—"4 Nov. 1712. Read. Write to M^{r} Brydges to make y^{e} course." 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 1. 2. Com^{rs} for Transports to M^{r} Lowndes. Drawing the L^{d} High Treasurer's attention to certain outstanding demands against the King of Portugal for bread carried there in 1703, and powder, &c. carried to Lisbon in 1704 and 1705 for the Duke of Savoy. Dated 1 Nov. 1712. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 1. 3. The same to the L^{d} [High Treasurer]. Give an account of their method of conducting their business, the names and some particulars of their storekeepers, and the state of their affairs with the Auditors of Imprests. Dated 1 Nov. 1712. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 1. 4. Affidavit of Dame Dorothy Thomas, widow and administratrix of Dalby Thomas, late lieut. of her Majesty's fireship, "the Hawk," that she never received the ticket for her son's pay, and believed it to be lost. Dated 1 Nov. 1712. ½ *page.*

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Nov. 1. 5. Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. Sending the best account they could get of what provisions had been furnished out of the victualling stores to the ships of the States General, &c. Dated Victualling Office, 1 Nov. 1712.

The account. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 6. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had directed him to enclose the accompanying memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty, representing the inconveniences arising from the want of a brewhouse at Portsmouth. Dated Whitehall, 3 Nov. 1712.

The copy of the memorial; also proposal of Colby Aspley, of Gosport, to sell his brewhouse, enclosing a paper showing some of the advantages thereof; also a letter from John Radcliffe to "M^{r} Attorney," setting forth the advantages of M^{r} Ridge's brewhouse in Portsmouth. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 3. 7. Col. J. Dudley to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Had learnt that his L^{p} was about to send some persons to examine and report on the accounts connected with the expedition to Canada. Nothing would be more acceptable to him, and he would do what he could to assist in the matter, tho' the accounts had already passed the audit and examination of the best accountants and persons of estate in the province. The consequence of delay with the bills would be a stubbornness in the people to come into anything for the public, and would be hurtful to the government there. Had proclaimed the cessation of arms, &c.

P.S.—Col. Vetch, Governor of Annapolis, and M^{r} Borland, agent victualler, had represented the necessity of supplies for that garrison. Had lent them "two thousand & odd hundred pounds resting" there of the sale of two vessels sent by General Hill. Dated New England, Boston, 3 Nov. 1712. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 4. 8. Memorial of W. Fitch, appointed to superintend the payments, &c. for the "two million adventure" for the year 1711, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying suitable allowance to himself and eight clerks. Dated 4 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1712. To be considered w^{n} my Lord sees the funds have sufficient for the adventurers; till then he cannot advise an add^{ll} charge." 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 9. "Treasurer of the Navy's memorial for applying 2,050*l.*, formerly ordered to purchase a mast dock and anchor wharf at Deptford, to pay bills of exchange drawn on the navy." Dated 4 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"Agreed. 1,650 bills exch^{a}.
400 M^{r} West no returne to a lrẽ sent M^{r} Warters ab^{t} this so all[ow ?] to bills of exchange." 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 10. Memorial of Sir Solomon de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Sets forth what was due to him under his contract for bread and bread waggons. Whilst his accounts were preparing his creditors were prosecuting him at law with all possible violence for bills protested out of Holland, whilst others tore his "poor wife to pieces" at the Hague for bills counter-protested here and sent back there. Prays his Lp to order him 14 or 15,000*l.* Dated 4 Nov. 1712.

Also his answer to Moses de Medina's memorial presented to his Lordship on 20 June 1712. Gives an account of the wrongs he had suffered from the latter, whom he had taken into his house because he was a branch of the family, and married to his daughter with a suitable portion. Charges Moses and his father with combining to get his (Solomon's) bills protested, &c. 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 4. 11. Report of A. Maynwaring and James Moody, deputy of Auditor Harley, to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting the bills drawn by Col. Hunter, Governor of New York, in connexion with the Canada expedition. Dated 4 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"29 Jan. 1712–13. 2/3ds to be p̃d out of S. S. stock. Victualler's report with the list of bills given Mr Taylour." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 4. 12. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Were not acquainted with any treaty but that of Portugal, whereby her Majesty furnished the King of Portugal yearly with 2,666 quintals of powder. Dated 4 Nov. 1712.

Docquetted:—"Ordnance return abt stores to be charged to ye accots of foreign princes, &c."

Minuted:—"Mr Taylor to collect all the returnes of this kind."

Enclosed is copy of their letter of 30 Sept. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 13. The same to the same, praying payment of 1,183*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* for stores sent to the province of New York. Dated 6 Nov. 1712.

Enclosed is an Order of Council about the same.

Minuted:—"7 Nov. 1712. To be pd. out of the money for land service." *Again:*—"Direct the Comrs to certifie who is to accot for these stores. To the Comrs for Trade." 4 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 7. 14. Report of the Comrs [for Taxes] to the Lord High Treasurer on the affairs of Mr Longden, Receiver General of the county of Gloucester, against whom and his securities process had been issued. Dated 7 Nov. 1712.

His case, an affidavit, and a certificate.

Minuted:—"Read 7th Nov. 1712." 5 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 15. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Secretary Lowndes. As to what officers were accountable for stores, the method of passing the accounts and how far they were behind in the same. Dated Navy Office, 7 Nov. 1712.

Enclose a list of the persons accountable, instructions for the controller and storekeepers. 15 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 16. Copy of letter from Col. Kane to Lord Dartmouth. Writes in the absence of the Duke of Argyle, on the melancholy condition of the troops lying at Barcelona embarked for Minorca, they being about to sail without money and to be put on the island without magazines of provisions or money. The island would support them but for a very short time, and without credit the neighbouring coasts, being either at war with the Turks or the French, would not supply them. Dated Barcelona, Nov. $\frac{7}{18}$, 1712.

P.S.—Major Staremberg had prevailed on the Spanish merchants to advance 14,000 dollars to assist them. 3 *pages*.

Nov. 7. 17. Col. J. Dudley to the Lord High Treasurer, rectifying a mistake in his accounts. Dated Boston, 7 Nov. 1712. 1 *page, quarto*.

Nov. 8. 18. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer as to assertions made by M^{r} Baylie, late Receiver General for the county of Stafford, that he had been misrepresented to his Lordship by them (the Com^{rs}) in respect to the debts owing by him. Dated 8 Nov. 1712.

A previous report, two copies of reports of the same Com^{rs}, a petition from the same receiver, and a certificate on the subject of his debts. 8 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

Nov. 8. 19. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Hartnoll, praying for an allowance for carrying 20,000 "moidas" of gold from Lisbon to Barcelona to the Deputy Paymaster. The usual allowance was ½ per cent. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 8 Nov. 1712. 1 *page*.

Nov. 8. 20. Memorial of the Marquis de Montandre to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of 711*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*. for the pay of the officers, &c. of the regiment. Dated 8 Nov. 1712.

Computation of the pay due and certificate of M^{r} Pennyfather, the Commissary General for Ireland. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 10. 21. "An estimate of the charge of one livery for all the servants belonging to her Ma^{ties} stables to be made with all convenient speed." "R. from M^{r} Darcey, Nov. 10, 1712."

Copy of letter from M^{r} Lowndes for the above to be prepared. 2 *pages*.

Nov. 11. 22. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer on the complaints of the Duke of Argyle against the Deputy Paymaster, M^{r} Hammond, in Spain, upholding the latter and justifying the payments made by him to Portugese troops.

Copy of Treasury Minute of 22 Feb. 1710, copy of letter of Lord Dartmouth to the Duke of Argyle, and M^{r} Brydges's answers to the several articles in the Duke of Argyle's letter.

Minuted:—"Read 11 Nov. 1712. Copy sent to the Duke." 5 *pages*, 2 *halves*.

[? About Nov. 11.] 23. Memorial of the officers of Brigadier Dormer's regiment to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for the balance of their subsistence due for the year 1710.

Minuted:—"11 Nov^{r} 1712. This is before the Comm^{rs} for the Army Debts, who will make their representacõn of all that is due to the parlt." 1 *page*.

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Nov. 11. 24. Memorial of the Treasurer of the Navy to the Lord High Treasurer praying payment of 70,817*l.* for the navy and victualling. Dated 11 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 11. 25. "Bouer Lagarde" to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Prays payment of bills drawn by M^{r} Envoy Chetwynd. Dated London, 11 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"12 Nov. 1712. The drawers of the bills are the contractors and my Lord adheres to his Minute of 17 Oct. last, viz., My Lord says M^{r} Chetwynd's negotiations are under the examinacõn of the inspectors, and till he sees their finall report he cannot enter into the consideracõn of these bills." 3 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 11.] 26. Memorial of Peirce Griffith, agent for sick and wounded at Port Mahon, to the L^{d} High Treasurer. Sends copy of his instructions for providing a hospital for sick and wounded seamen there, Sir John Jennings' order to contract for the same, [and the account of money advanced for the same for which he gave bills].

Minuted:—"11 Nov^{r} 1712. Comm^{rs} sick & w^{d} & M^{r} Griffith to be here on Fryday. 29 Nov^{r} 1712. To consider (now the business is at an end) w^{t} can be made of their utensills, and then w^{t} effects are in the Treãrer Navy's hands, and w^{n} my Lord sees the returne he'l consider w^{t} may be done for this office." 5½ *pages.*

Nov. 12. 27. Joseph Ormston to the Lord High Treasurer, complaining of George Sussingham, clerk in the Exchequer Court, who refused to deliver to him (Ormston) or M^{r} Borrett the writs for the recovery of Morgan Whitley's estate for the use of the Crown; praying for directions to be given thereon. Dated 12 Nov. 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 12. 28. Petition of William Burlton to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a coastwaiter's place in the port of London.

Minuted:—"12 Nov. 1712. To be given M^{r} Powys." 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 29. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the method and practice of paying salaries in the ordnance office on the death or dismissal of officers, up to the end of the current quarter in which they died. They would not take it upon themselves to determine who should receive the salary of the Master of the Ordnance and that of the secretary due in September last, being of opinion that the late Earl Rivers and his secretary had no right to receive the salary for March quarter, but that it belonged to the Duke of Marlborough and his secretary. Dated 12 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"26 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{12}{13}$. M^{r} Velley to have a copy and to state his demand in writing on behalf of Earle Rivers." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 12. 30. Report of H. Bythell, deputy to M^{r} Auditor Maynwaring, to the Lord High Treasurer, on an abstract of payments made by the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., between 24 Dec. 1706 and 23 Dec. 1707, to the forces acting in conjunction with her Majesty's allies. Recommends privy seals to be granted for payment. Dated 12 Nov. 1712.

List of the payments made for the service of the war in Holland. 6 *pages.*

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Nov. 12. 31. Report of the same to the same on a draft of a privy seal concerning M^{r} Brydges's account for 1707. Was of opinion that it might safely pass. Dated 12 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 13. 32. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of several planters, inhabitants of, and merchants trading to Jamaica, complaining against the proceedings of M^{r} Beckford, collector there, under the Act 6 Anne for the encouragement of trade to America. Uphold him in the conduct of his duties and complain of the obstruction offered to him by M^{r} Norris, the naval officer. Advise prosecution unless the duties should be paid. Dated 13 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"Approved." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 33. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer about M^{r} Downing's allowance for approving the securities given by merchants for the duties upon goods imported. Dated 13 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"12 Nov^{r} 1712. My Lord will allow M^{r} Downing 200^{li} a year, and will continue to Sir John Shaw 200^{li} a year for the services mencõned in the Com^{rs}' report concerning taking securities, &c."

Two other papers on the same subject. 3 *pages*, 2 *halves.*

Nov. 13. 34. An account of the "grants in Parliament for services under the care of James Brydges, Esq., payments thereupon, and the complements remaining." Dated 13 Nov. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 35. "Remaynes of this yeares fonds." Dated 13 Nov. 1712. Containing some of the information in the last paper. 1 *page.*

Nov. 14. 36. Auditor Harley's report to the Lord High Treasurer "on M^{r} Whitfeild's two memorials touching the marine off-reckonings to Christmas 1711, and the clearings of these forces to the time M^{r} Whitfeild's patent was superseded." Dated 14 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1712. Both paymasters to be here on Tuesday, and S^{r} Roger Mostyn to see this report." $5\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Nov. 14. 37. Com^{rs} of Victualling to the secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer as to contracts for beer at Portsmouth, and as to the purchase of a brewhouse there. Dated 14 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1712. Read. The Comm^{rs} of Victualling to write for particulars of the premises offered to be sold." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 14. 38. Memorial of William Sloper to the Lord High Treasurer "for 1,800^{li} for the Duke of Ormond to complete an allowance of 600^{li} a month for ext^{ry} charges as Cap^{t} Gen^{ll} of the Low Countries to the end of October 1712." Dated 14 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 39. Copy of the Attorney-General's report to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Bissell of Portsmouth, gent., praying payment of his disbursements about a prosecution of "the late pretended mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Portsmouth." Certifies his Lordship that on the 3rd of February 1710 it was resolved by the House of Commons that Joseph Whitehorne, Esq.,

who was elected mayor of Portsmouth on the 10th of Dec. 1709, had not duly qualified himself for that office by taking the sacrament, according to the rules of the Church of England, within one year next before his election, and was not legal mayor of the borough; nor were the aldermen legal aldermen, and the burgesses elected had no right to vote for members of Parliament. On trial and appeal they were ousted from those offices. 451*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* of the charges of petitioner remained unpaid, beside other allowances. Recommends the petitioner for encouragement. Dated 15 Nov. 1712.
Minuted:—"2 July 1713. W^t for the 451. 9. 6. in full." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 40. Lord Shrewsbury to the Lord High Treasurer. There was due on 30 Oct. last to M^r Benjamin Bedford, upholsterer, 100*l.* for a quarter's rent of the house hired for Mons. Leith, the Czar of Muscovy's Minister, besides fees. Asking for an order to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay the same. Dated Cockpit, 15 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 16. 41. W. Whitfeild to [the Secretary of the Treasury ?] as to the off-reckonings and clearings of the six marine regiments. Most of the clothiers, officers, and soldiers were almost ruined. Dated 16 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 42. "Remaynes of this years fonds." Dated 17 Nov. 1712. [Connected with army payments.] 1 *page.*

Nov. 18. 43. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer as to the payment for stores then being sent to New York. Dated 18 Nov. 1712.
Minuted:—"20th Nov. 1712. Write to y^e Comm^rs for Trade hereupon." 1 *page.*

Nov. 18. 44. Petition to John Rabateau, clothier to the regiment of the Marquis de Montandre, praying payment of 1,106*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* Dated 18 Nov. 1712.
Certificate for the above amount.
Minuted:—"Ref. to y^e Comptrs of ye Army Accts." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 18. 45. An estimate of the charge of the civil government (so far as relates to England) for the year ensuing. Dated 18 Nov. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 46. Report from the Comptroller's Office touching the assignments of the off-reckonings for clothing the several regiments of the army, and an abstract of the said assignments. Dated Privy Gardens, 19 Nov. 1712. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 47. M^r Warters to Hon. W^m Lowndes, Esq., respecting M^r West's house to be added to the Admiralty Office. The assignment was ready, and awaited the purchase-money. Dated 19 Nov. 1712.
Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1712. M^r Lowndes to send to M^r Warters for the deeds & peruse them."
Again:—"Lrẽ signed." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 48. Memorial of W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer relating to the garrison of Gibraltar. Was of opinion that the Dutch regiment remaining there should be forthwith removed to make room for those going from Portugal. Major-General Pearce said of the town, that at the best it was but an indifferent town, and there was not above one house in twenty standing. Dated 20 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e writ to the Ordnance." 1 *page*.

Nov. 20. 49. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copies of two letters, one from the Admiralty and the other from the Com^{rs} of Victualling, relating to the furnishing of the garrison of Gibraltar with provisions. Dated Whitehall, 20 Nov. 1712. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 20. 50. W. Wyndham to the Secretaries of the Treasury as to defraying the charge of the transportation of clothing of the regiments of Colonels Handasyde and Alexander in the West Indies. Dated Whitehall, 20 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"Lr̃e writ to the Compt^{rs}." 1 *page, quarto*.

Nov. 21. 51. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer as to the annual charge for buildings and alterations at Somerset House. The house was not in their charge until 1707, after the decease of the Queen Dowager. Dated 21 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"2 X^{br} 1712. To let my Lord know by w^{t} warr^{t} & whether estimates were layd before the Trear̃y." 1 *page, decayed*.

Nov. 22. 52. W. Wyndham to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends the draft of an establishment of half-pay for the officers of regiments disbanded since 22 Dec. last, except those named in the list annexed, which are to be disbanded at Gibraltar, Port Mahon, and in Ireland, &c. Dated Whitehall, 22 Nov. 1712.

The list referred to. 3 *pages*.

Nov. 24. 53. Certificate of Auditor Godolphin to the Paymasters General of the Forces in Ireland, that George Howell, Esq., Receiver General of the land tax for Carmarthen, Cardigan, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, had made a payment for raising recruits. Dated 24 Nov. 1712. ½ *page*.

Nov. 24. 54. Order of Council on the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General upon an address of the House of Commons, wherein they prayed her Majesty to give directions for transferring to M^{rs} Anne Trant debentures amounting to 1,452*l*. and interest, in the hands of the Com^{rs} appointed to inquire how the debentures issued to Col. John Rice had been disposed of. Directing that the same should be forthwith transferred to M^{rs} Trant. Dated 24 Nov. 1712.

Divers other papers relating to this matter.

Minuted:—"W^{t} to be prepared for a privy seal." 36 *pages*.

Nov. 25. 55. Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations to the Lord High Treasurer. Had informed themselves of the Lustring Company, and of what sums they had received from the Crown towards their assistance, and how the same had been employed. The Company affirmed that his late Majesty promised them 2,400*l*. per ann. for seven years, and that they had only received one year's payment. Dated 25 Nov. 1712.

The memorial and account enclosed. 4 *pages*.

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Nov. 25. 56. W^{m} Borrett to Tho. Harley, Esq. Asking him to call for the papers respecting the case of the brewers under prosecution of the House of Commons, in order that an answer might be given to the House on the next meeting of Parliament. The Attorney General thought that the state of the cases should be sent to the Com^{rs} of Victualling, to examine and report what was due to the Crown. Dated 25 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"27 Nov. 1712. To Com^{rs} Vict. with the papers. A lr̃e writ." 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 57. Thomas Dummer, Deputy, (Great Wardrobe), to the Lord High Treasurer. The credit of the Great Wardrobe was so sunk that he could not get the necessaries for her Majesty's immediate service. The debt had been three years contracting, and only 2,500*l.* issued. Many things ordered were wholly unprovided, and he could get no person to undertake the liveries against her Majesty's birthday without money. Had exhausted all the money he himself had, and had run considerably into debt. Dated Great Wardrobe, 27 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 58. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded Seamen, &c. to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting payment of 12,561*l.* 6*s.* 1$\frac{1}{2}$*d.* on account of the service in foreign parts. Dated 27 Nov. 1712. 4$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Nov. 27. 59. Caleb Heathcote to the Lord High Treasurer touching the "pitch and tar design." The "Palatines" had prepared about 70,000 trees, which they supposed would make 2,400 tons. It would be much more for her Majesty's advantage and that of the natives to have the tar and pitch contracted for there. The Crown might contract for any quantity they pleased, if the method answered as in the Baltic or Russia, there being several gentlemen who had large tracts of pine woods, who only waited to see the success of the experiment, when they intended to fall upon it. Dated New York, 27 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"24 Mar. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. Scheme mencõned with an extract of the lr̃e sent to Comm^{rs} Navy." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Nov. 28. 60. Representation by the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer as to the debt of Robert Peters, Receiver General for the county of Hertford, submitting to his Lordship whether any more of the public money should be allowed to come to his hands, and what should be done in respect to the 10,954*l.* now due. Dated Office for Hides, &c., 28 Nov. 1712.

"29th Nov^{r} 1712. He is to give satisfaccõn to the Com^{rs} by Thursday next, or else they are to use all lawfull means to secure & recover his debt to ye Queen." 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 61. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes as to the paying off the ships, advising, to make the money go the farthest, that the ships that had the least time due should be paid off first, &c. Dated Navy Office, 28 Nov. 1712.

Minuted:—"2 X^{br} 1712. Desire the Lords of y^{e} Adm^{ty} to send for a list." 1 *page.*

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Nov. 29. 62. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, stating that the clerks of the works of each of her Majesty's houses were accountable for all stores delivered, and each clerk monthly brought in his account of all goods and materials delivered into the stores, how and when delivered out, &c. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 29 Nov. 1712. 1 *page.*

Nov. 29. 63. Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that a warrant under the sign manual should be issued for placing the reduced officers (Ireland) on the establishment of half-pay, and sending a list of them. The regiments were Col. Creighton's, Col. Lucas's, and Sir John Whittewrong's. Dated London, 29 Nov. 1712.

Computation of their half-pay.

Minuted :—"25 Mar. 1713. W^t to be prepared for ½ pay according to the regulac̃on in Ireland, including chaplains and adjutants, surgeons excluded." *Again* :—"W^t signed." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 64. "State of M^r Whitfield's acco^t with Colebrooke & ptner." 29 Nov. 1712. *A few lines.*

Nov. 29. 65. Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Was of opinion that Col. Dupuy deserved the favour her Majesty intended him, of half-pay as lieut.-col. of dragoons on the military establishment of Ireland. Dated London, 29 Nov. 1712.

Letter from the Lord High Treasurer, and copies of others from W. Wyndham, Lord Portmore, and R. Walpole on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 66. An establishment of four independent companies of foot to be employed at Placentia, and in the island of Newfoundland. Dated — Nov. 1712.

Unsigned, and dates not filled in. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 1. 1. James Pym, secretary to the Committee of the South Sea Company, to M^r Attorney General. Draws attention to an error in an account of the public stock, made up by the Lord Treasurer in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, in order that it might be rectified in the commission for taking further subscriptions, &c. Dated South Sea House, 1 Dec. 1712.

Also "An account showing how the stock in the South Sea Company for the use of the public doth arise." 4½ *pages.*

Dec. 2. 2. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the charges of the trains in Flanders, Spain, &c. Dated 2 Dec. 1712.

Enclosed are a copy of their letter of 15 Aug. last on that subject, an account of the yearly charge of the trains abroad, and duplicates of the establishments belonging to the trains in Spain, Flanders, Jamaica, New York, New England and Annapolis, and Barbadoes. 10 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 2.] 3. H. Bythell to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a schedule or list of all accounts, bags, and boxes of vouchers, inrolment books, and other matters, which remained in M^{r} Maynwaring's office at the time of his decease.

Also a list of the vouchers for M^{r} Brydges' and M^{r} Howe's accounts remaining in the same office.

"R. 2 Xber 1712." 47½ *pages.*

[? About Dec. 2.] 4. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer from George Canvall, for himself and other proprietors of orders made out for lottery tickets in the lottery for 1,500,000*l.*, for the year 1711, complaining that they were kept out of their money, altho' it had lain at the Exchequer for their accounts since the 29th of Sept.

Minuted:—"2 Xber 1712. To the Compt^{r} & Paymaster to give their answers." 1 *page.*

Dec. 2. 5. Officers of Ordnance to Charles Eversfield, Esq. Pray for an order from the Lord Treasurer for 2,689*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* due from the South Sea Co., and for 20,000*l.* to pay their artificers. Dated 2 Dec. 1712.

Minuted:—"Lre signed for 2,000*l.*" 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 6. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George Hosier, Esq., late Receiver General of land tax and window tax in the county of Salop, praying stay of process: advising against the same. He had seldom had less than 14,000*l.* or 15,000*l.* of the public money in his hands, for which he might rather be charged 12 per cent. interest, than be entitled to allowances. Dated 3 Dec. 1712.

Minuted:—"5 Xber 1712. Read and approved." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 7. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks directions to be given for bringing to the Tower the lion which the Bey of Tunis had sent to her Majesty. Dated Whitehall, 3 Dec. 1712.

Minuted:—"See how this charge was formerly borne." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 4. 8. "A proposition to reduce the expense upon the Civil List, so as to make the same commensurate to the produce of the Civil List funds, and to prevent the increase of the present debt thereupon." Dated 4 Dec. 1712. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 4. 9. S. de Medina to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays an order for the payment of the balance of his account, to prevent the ruin that threatened him. His losses in the year 1709 amounted to 80,000*l.*, which broke his back. By some mischance he did not receive 240,000 guilders left in M^{r} Sweet's hands, and this had only lately been brought to light by M^{r} Auditor Harley. All his valuable goods in the Hague had been taken in execution, and he was not safe to show his face in London. Dated 4 Xber 1712. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 4. 10. M^{r} Auditor Harley's report on the memorial of S. de Medina. Same date.

Four other papers relating to his affairs. 17 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Dec. 4. 11. Com^{rs} for sick and wounded Seamen to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the goods, utensils, and medicines at Jamaica, Lisbon, and Kinsale, where the service of their office had ceased. Dated 4 Dec. 1712. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 4. 12. Certificate of Lord Halifax of the amount due to the Governor and Co. of the Bank of England on their allowance of 45,000*l.* per ann., for circulating Exchequer bills, &c. Dated Exchequer, 4 Dec. 1712.

Another paper relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 5.] 13. Petition of Thomas Jenkin, patent searcher of the port of Chichester, to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received allowances of incidents of which he had since been deprived. Prayed to be made surveyor of the port or to continue the incidents.

Referred to the Com^{rs} of Customs on 5 Dec. 1712 to report. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 14. J. Burchett to the secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Prays for 50,000*l.* to be imprested to Sir Roger Mosten, paymaster of marine regiments, to pay the men about to be reduced, &c. Dated Admiralty Office, 6 Dec. 1712. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 15. Printed copy of an Act of Common Council of the city of London for regulating the tackle house and ticket porters, and touching the public beams [? for weighing] belonging to the city of London. Made 6 Dec. 1712. 4 *pages.*

[? About Dec. 8.] 16. Copy of royal warrant to Edward Nicholas, Esq., to pay to Mons. L'Estang 200*l.* and any other sums to be imprested to the said Edward for the use of the Society of French Gentlewomen at the Hague. Dated 17 Aug. 1703. With a note at the foot that the society had notified the death of M. L'Estang and desired M. Jacob de Blagny might receive the pension. 1 *page.*

In the *Warrant Book*, Vol. XVIII., on 8 Dec. 1712, is the warrant appointing the latter for that purpose.

Dec. 8. 17. Report of the Auditor (Harley) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the Deputy Chamberlains. 2^{s} in every 1,000*l.* had been usually allowed for joining tallies, &c., and there had been paid into the receipt of the Exchequer 1,208,292*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, on which 120*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* were due. Dated 8 Dec. 1712.

The petition.

Minuted :—"Orderd." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 18. Report of Sir W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of Lieut.-General Seymour, praying for payment of 800*l.* for "trophy money," for the Queen's own regiment of foot, from the beginning of the reign. In the year 1702 the office of Great Ward-

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robe delivered for the use of the regiment 12 colours, with ensign, stave, &c. At the Union there was a warrant for a new set of colours, and there was a warrant for two years' trophy money to General Webb on 7 Aug. last. Dated Whitehall, 8 Dec. 1712.

Minuted:—" Orderd out of the 500,000li for Civil List; but the Queen will not be at this charge for the future." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 19. Report of Lord Ormond to the Lord High Treasurer. Dr Richard Stevens, an eminent physician of Dublin, had bequeathed an estate of about 600*l.* per ann. to erect and endow a hospital in that city. Had been applied to by the trustees for putting the will into execution, to procure from her Majesty the grant of a small spot of ground belonging to her Majesty in Phœnix Park, which ground Thomas Proby, a trustee, held by lease, and was willing to give up for that purpose. Sending his lordship the petition to be laid before her Majesty. As this was the first benefaction of the kind given in Ireland, and would be a very great benefit for the poor, and an ornament to the city, it would be an act of grace to confer the same. Dated London, 8 Dec. 1712.

Minute:—" 25 Mar. 1713. Prepare a wt."

The petition of the trustees, an estimate for building the hospital for 50 sick persons (3,800*l.*), copy of the lease, plan of part of Phœnix Park, and copy of the warrant for the grant of the lease. 9 *pages.*

Dec. 9. 20. Luke Lillingston to William Lowndes, Esq., concerning 159*l.* due to him upon the 200*l.* per ann. allowed to him until otherwise provided for, and concerning 57*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* charged on him for the fortifying of Roscrae about 22 years since. The workmen were paid the full sum, and worked very hard, for the horse and men quartered there expected to be surprised and taken prisoners, or to be destroyed by the enemy and " rapparees." If he must repay the money, would pay it out of the 159*l.* if ordered. Dated 9 Dec. 1712. 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 21. Copy of the letters patent appointing Henry Neale, Esq., surveyor of the island of Minorca and the ports thereto belonging. Dated 12 Dec. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 22. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Had caused to be prepared, (1) a list of ships paid off; (2) list of ships lost and taken; (3) an abstract of other payments made for recalls, &c.; (4) an abstract of the whole; and (5) list of ships to be laid up and paid off. Dated Navy Office, 12 Dec. 1712.

The lists named.

Also letter from the Admiralty Office, to which the above is the reply. Dated 6 Dec. 1712. 9 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 23. Mr Compton's memorial for the payment of various sums. Dated 17 Dec. 1712.

The second list " to be paid by her Maties command." 2 *pages, quarto.*

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Dec. 18. 24. Thomas Hawes to Mr John Godsalve "at the Hill house at Chatham." Hearing that the "Falkland" was being paid off, encloses the necessary papers for the servants' wages. Dated 18 Dec. 1712.

On the fly leaf is a copy of an authorization to pay the wages of Lieut. Dalby Thomas, addressed by Admiral Byng and two others to the Comrs of the Navy. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 25. Memorial of Sir W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the forces at Port Mahon. Annexed a state of the five regiments of Phillips, Royal Fusileers, Whetham, Elliott, and Molesworth, in the Island of Minorca. Had already proposed to reduce the said regiments as well as all others in her Majesty's service to the lowest establishment of 725 men and officers in a regiment, equal to those now in Britain. If his Lp approved the scheme there would be 1,965 supernumeraries, who would form three more regiments and leave about 300 men for recruits for Minorca. Dated Whitehall, 19 Dec. 1712.

The "state" referred to. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 26. An estimate of the debt of her Majesty's Navy. Dated Navy Office, 22 Dec. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 27. Estimate of all her Majesty's forces (exclusive of those employed in foreign garrisons and plantations) with the charge thereof from the 22d of December 1712 to the 23d day of June 1713, both inclusive, according to their present establishment. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 28. A state of the disposition of the sum of 475,385*l.* 7*s.* 8¼*d.* voted by Parliament for the service of the war in Spain, including the garrison of Gibraltar, for the year ending the 22d of December 1712. 2 *pages.*

About Dec. 22. 29. Memorial of Peirce Griffyth, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of his bills [for 3,500*l.*] which he drew for the hospital built at Port Mahon by order of Sir John Jennings, the government having 200 seamen therein.

Minuted:—"Read 22th Xbr 1712." 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 30. "Draught of a warrant to the Goverr, &c. of the South Sea Compa to transfer to Capt. Savery 3,134*l.* 13*s.* 3¼*d.* in So Sea Stock, to pay interest of 69,659*l.* 3*s.* 10¼*d.*, the debt of the Office for Sick and Wounded to Lady Day 1711." Signed and approved of by the Attorney General, 23 Dec. 1712. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 31. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Enclosing a list of her Majesty's ships in sea pay at home and abroad, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Navy Office, 23 Dec. 1712.

The list or estimate of the wages due, with other particulars, showing also where the ships were stationed. 6 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 32. Secretary-at-War (Wyndham) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a memorial (previously sent) relating to the contracts made by the Duke of Ormond for furnishing the forces in Flanders with forage for the winter season; with an account of what was payable by way of advance upon the contracts. Dated Whitehall, 23 Dec. 1712.

The copy referred to. 3½ *pages*.

Dec. 23. 33. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received from the Lords Justices of Ireland the enclosed report on the petition of Francis Peirobe, John Gerbet, and Peter Cavallier, captains in Col. Cavallier's late regiment, who had been placed on the list of pensioners in Ireland as lieutenants only. The truth of their allegations was proved. Dated London, 23 Dec. 1712.

The report, three other reports, two petitions, and a short note to the Lord Treasurer. 9 *pages*.

Dec. 24. 34. "An accompt of what is due to officers certify'd to be entitled to half-pay by the Secretary-at-War, from the respective days of their disbandment, or to which they were subsisted, to the 24th of December 1712 inclusive." 1½ *pages*.

Dec. 24. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^{r} Foxall for his fees and charges in executing extents against the securities of Geo. Dixon, as to the method of paying him. Dated Office for Hides, &c., Dec. 24, 1712.

Minuted :—"Read 15th May 1713. To be paid by M^{r} Borret. A w^{t} endorsed on the 1st report." 1 *page*.

[? About Dec. 25.] 36. Petition of Anthony Ellesdon to the Lord High Treasurer for 2,300*l*. under a grant of annuity of 100*l*. per ann. for services rendered to King Charles II. after Worcester fight; claimed to be in arrear from 1689 to Christmas 1712.

His "case" and two other papers relating thereto. 4 *pages*.

Dec. 25. 37. "A list of persons whose bills do not exceed 50^{l} a piece payable in the office of Treasurer of Her Ma^{ts} Chamber at or before Xmas 1712." 1 *page*.

Dec. 26. 38. Memorial of Sir W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer as to allowance of pay to forces in Portugal till the time of cessation of arms there. Dated Whitehall, 26 Dec. 1712.

Minuted :—"21 Jan. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. To Ea. Portmore for his thoughts hereupon." 2½ *pages*.

VOL. CLVI. 1712. 27 Dec. to the End of the Year.

Dec. 27. 1. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Secretaries of the Treasury as to the payment of their creditors in South Sea Stock, without interest, as allowed by Act of Parliament. Dated 27 Dec. 1712.

Four other papers on the same subject.

Minuted:—" 22 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{12}{13}$. My Lord dos not think it reasonable to pay this out of the public stock in the Treãrer of the Navy's hands till a Com^{n} is open for further subscripcõn." 7 *pages*, 2 *halves*, *much decayed.*

Dec. 27. 2. Weekly certificates by Archibald Douglas, of Cavers, Esq., general receiver of the land tax, crown rents, &c., and new duties upon houses in Scotland, and paymaster of salaries, pensions, and allowances there, and of all receipts, payments, and remains of land tax, crown rents, revenues, &c., from 29 Dec. 1711 to 27 Dec. 1712. *A parcel.*

Dec. 29 [or ? Dec. 18.] 3. Richard Kane to [the Duke of] ———, as to subsistence demanded by M^{r} Brydges for the island [of Minorca]. It was high time for them to know when their subsistence was to come. Had ordered M^{r} Hammond to retain in his hands 10,000*l.* for subsistence until money came. Was told that by the contract with M^{r} Milner the subsistence of the island was to be paid in the New Catalan coin. Looked upon it as so dangerous a way of saving money to the government, that it might ruin the island. Hoped they might be paid in coin that might be depended on. M^{r} Earle had to lay in a magazine of provisions for six months, and had made a demand for 3,000*l.*, which could not be complied with, &c. The messenger who brought the bills to M^{r} Hammond returned by way of Italy. Sent by him the letters which had been brought for his Grace. Dated Mahon, 29 Dec. 1712. 11 *pages.*

Dec. 29. 4. Report of W. Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Joseph Simson. Petitioner was found guilty of receiving three silver tankards, knowing them to have been stolen, and was fined 100*l.* and committed to Newgate. By the confession of one Maw, who was executed on 24 Oct. 1711, petitioner was wrongfully accused. Dated 29 Dec. 1712.

The petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—" W^{t} to acknowledge satisfaction." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 5. Memorial from the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Proposed to buy from or contract with the East India Company for 500 tons of saltpetre, there being none in store, and even in King Charles the Second's time it was considered there should be 1,000 tons in store for security of the kingdom. The Company were bound to supply 500 tons at 53*l.* per ton in time of war and at 45*l.* in time of peace. Dated Office of Ordnance, 31 Dec. 1712.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 14, is :—" 7 Jan. 1712/13. Officers of Ordnance are called in. They will speak with some directors of the East India Comp^{a} ab^{t} 500 tons of salt peter." 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. An establishment of the garrison at Dunkirk. Dated — Dec. 1712. 1 *page.*

End of 1712. 7. An account of the condition of the clothing of the several detachments left at Annapolis by Major-General Hill. ½ *page.*

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?1712. 8. A case, probably submitted to the Attorney General, as to whether the East India Company, by the Acts and charter referred to, had a title to a perpetual exclusive trade to and from the East Indies. 2 *pages.*

1712. 9. Proposals of terms for giving bills by the following persons, payable in the countries and places hereafter named:—

John Lambert, at Antwerp, Port Mahon, Holland, Flanders. and Amsterdam.
E. Gibbon, at Antwerp.
Richard Hoare, do.
Jean Lucas Pels, do.
Sir Theodore Janssen, at Turin.
Mr. James Milner, at Antwerp or Amsterdam.
Matthew Decker, at Amsterdam.

Dated from Jan. to Dec. 1712. 19 *pages.*

1712. 10. Reports, memorials, &c., of Sir Roger Mostyn, Paymaster, of the Marine regiments, as to clearings, subsistence, ⅔rds of pay, off reckonings due to clothiers, arrears, &c. Also as to pay due to the Muster Master General, and his deputies. Dated Jan. to 30 Dec. 1712. 37 *pages or parts of pages.*

VOL. CLVII. ?1712. UNDATED.

1. Petition of John Mead, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Offers to carry on the business of the Packet boats conveying letters to the West Indies in the room of Mr Dummer, who is not in a condition to renew or carry on the same. Prays that the Postmasters General might be empowered to make a contract with him. Undated, but ?1711 or 1712. 1 *page.*

2. "The representation of Robert Taylor, late officer of the customs in North Britain in the year 1712," to the Lord High Treasurer, as to frauds by drawbacks, &c., and proposing remedies for the same. *Minuted*:—"Ref. to Comrs Customes." 2¼ *pages.*

3. State of the contingencies of the army and hospital in Portugal for the year 1712. 1 *page.*

4. Memorial of Charles Grymes to [the Ld High Treasurer.] In the year 1687 his father, Wm Grymes, then a clerk of the Rolls Chapel, Chancery Lane, was directed by the Lords of the Treasury to put the records of the Court of Wards at Westminster in order, and take care of them. They were then in a very ruinous condition.

His father discovered and brought back to the record room at Westminster a great number of records from the house of "one Garret of Paternoster Row in Spitalfields." On these records his father bestowed a great deal of his leisure, and continued in the custody of them till 1708, when he made a report respecting them to the Lords Committee on records, a copy of which is enclosed. His father being very ill, memorialist attended their Lordships, who ordered the Repertories, Indexes, and Alphabets, consisting of four large folio volumes, prepared by his father, himself, a brother, and others, to be left with Mr Relf, the clerk to the Committee. Their lordships promised these should be returned, but he could never get the books. The office where the records were kept was found wide open, and the lock broken. Mr Relf was since dead, and he did not know what had become of the volumes. Was informed that the Lord Treasurer had caused the records to be removed to some place near the House of Peers. His father had been dead about two years, and memorialist had in his custody the records mentioned in a certificate annexed, and several other imperfect repertories, &c. Had been brought up among records, and officiated at the Court of Wards and at the Rolls Chapel till Feb. 1711, when he was dismissed. Prayed to be employed. [Undated, but the end of 1712 or beginning of 1713.]

The copy of the report and inventory of the records and a copy of the certificate mentioned. 6½ *pages.*

5. Report unsigned and undated, *docquetted* :—"From the Barons of the Exchr of Scotland concerng the patronage." The method of exercising the Queen's right of presentation had been by a Privy Seal, countersigned by the Secretary of State, who often (as they believed for his own satisfaction) mentioned on the warrant some persons of the church, by whom the clerk presented, was recommended. Since the presbytery of the "bounds" must judge of the sufficiency of the clerk presented by the Crown, before he received institution, they submitted whether the clerk who sued for presentation should not have the recommendation of some of the fittest persons of the Church. Had also considered of the most proper method of collecting the Bishop's rents in Scotland, in order to employ the undisposed parts for the benefit of the episcopal clergy, and they thought it must be by making the collection less expensive. Suggested that they (the Barons) should appoint the collectors. [*Minuted* :—"A. S. M. importing the Q.'s intenc͠on to bestow this on Epis[copal] Cl[ergy] autho[rising] them to receive proposals for collecting & ceasing the ꝑsent charge of collecting."] As to the matter of the vacant stipends in Scotland, they thought under the present method there never would be any application of them to pious or charitable uses, but they thought that the Court of Exchequer should appoint a collector in each of the vacant parishes, and that the profits, after necessary expenses of collection and serving the cure, should be applied to pious and charitable uses They required some further time to consider as to the importation of Irish victual. [? 1711 or 1712.] 2½ *pages.*

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6. "An account of the several prices agreed upon by the contracts for mules and carriages for the artillery and ammunition of the army in Catalonia, since the year 1708" [to the year 1712]. 1 *page.*

7. An account of tallies and South Sea Stock remaining unapplied in the hands of Mr Howe. ? 1712. 1 *page.*

8. Establishment of the officers for the garrison of Gibraltar, 1712. Unsigned, and the precise date not filled in. 1 *page.*

9. Computation of the number and charges of the forces in Flanders in her Majesty's pay, for the year 1712, according to the proportion of $\frac{2}{5}$ths, as to all the forces except the additional body of 20,010 men taken into service Anno 1703, of which her Majesty is to bear one-half, upon condition of prohibiting trade with France. 1 *page.*

10. A schedule of the several estimates of the land forces, with the charge thereof for the year 1712. 1 *page.*

11. Abstract of the several estimates of the land forces as they are prepared for the year 1712, compared with those in 1711 and the differences demonstrated. 1 *page.*

12. An estimate of the savings upon the establishment of Flanders and the subsidies computed from 22 May 1712. 2 *pages.*

13. A state showing what forces have been from time to time supplied by the Queen for the service of Portugal since the beginning of the war. ? 1712.

Also "An account of some extraordinary expenses of the war in the year 1703, pursuant to the Portugal treaty not provided for in the last sessions of Parliament." 3 *pages.*

14. Memorial of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer, desiring that he might be furnished with as many waggons, &c., during the campaigns in Flanders as the Duke of Marlborough had. Undated. 1 *page.*

15. Memoranda relating to the service in Portugal, about which the Earl of Portmore is to be consulted. Undated, but probably 1712. 1½ *pages.*

16. Memorial of the serjeants and others taken at the battle of Almanza [16 July 1710], as to the 6*d.* per day due to them, praying "That as your petitioners wer paid their subsistce in Esqr Bridges office 2 yeares agoe they also may be paid the remains." 1 *page.*

17. "Explanation of the South Sea Act as to the provisions for the navy." Undated, but ? about 1712. 2 *pages.*

18. Petition of James Dolliffe and others, merchants of London, to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment for the coals supplied to the garrison of Gibraltar in the years 1711 and 1712.

Copies of divers certificates of the delivery of the same. 4 *pages.*

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19. "Notice for a contract to victual Port Mahon and Gibraltar." Given by the direction of the Ld High Treasurer. Signed "W. L." 1 *page.*

20. Proposal of William Bromfield to the Ld Treasurer for the supply of provisions for 6,000 men in Gibraltar and Port Mahon, from six months to six months as mentioned in the Gazette of 27 Sept. 1712. 1 *page.*

21. Two proposals of Joseph Cortisos for furnishing the same garrisons: the first for six years. 3 *pages, quarto.*

22. A calculation to serve Mahon with corn and other provisions for the troops there. 1 *page, quarto.*

23. Lottery. Cashier of Bank's list of the tickets disposed of by them in the "Classis Lottery. ao 1712." 3 *pages.*

24. An account of parchment delivered apparently to the Comrs for Stamps by two firms in the year 1712. 2 *pages.*

25. A proposal for raising money by taxation, made by J. Durden, entitled:—"Some heads for one or more funds for money for the public service for the year 1712." 3 *pages.*

26. An account of her Majesty's proportion of subsidies payable to the allies pursuant to the treaties for the year 1712. 1 *page.*

27. "Mr Brydges' remains of fonds ao 1712." Showing totals appropriated by Parliament, &c. for the army, and the balance remaining. 1 *page.*

28. Another account of sums issued to the same paymaster general of the forces in Spain and Portugal "out of the funds granted in the last session of Parliament." ?1712. 1 *page.*

29. Five papers relating to ordnance, one being entitled: "A proportion of ordnance, carriages, &c. to compose a train of artillery for ye service of her Maty's forces in Spain," and another, "An estimate of ordnance stores to be sent to Portsmouth." All undated, but probably about 1711 or 1712. 13 *pages.*

30. Three memorials to the Ld High Treasurer (Oxford), from Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Esqres, Comrs appointed to execute the office of Master of the Horse, for issues of moneys for that office. ?1711, 1712, or 1713. 3 *pages.*

31. "The case and petition of the Licensed Hackney Chairmen and the widows of such, in behalf of themselves and their numerous families, residing within the parishes of the liberties of the city of Westminster." They pray relief in regard to an ambiguity in the Act of 9 Anne, whereby the covenants of a benefit society might be defeated. After 1712. 1 *page, printed.*

32. Account of extraordinary charges of the war for which no provision had been made by Parliament; estimate of savings upon the establishment of Flanders; and differences between the estimates of guards and garrisons in 1711 and 1712. 21 *pages.*

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33. Memoranda as to the produce of the revenue of the post office for the years 1710 and 1712. 1 *page, quarto.*

34. Memorial of William Churchill to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Upon the death of Dr Richards, late deputy to Lord Edward Russell, memorialist received, as executor of the Doctor, 15,000*l.* of public money, when it was not thought there was a shilling in the office. Had offers of bills at a great discount, by which he might have obtained a considerable estate, but he paid the balance in immediately to the Treasury, tallies being then at above 40 per cent. discount. Officiated for Col. Mordaunt when Treasurer of the Ordnance, and had a promise to succeed him. Often discounted the tallies and saved the public some thousands of pounds, for which he was never thanked. On being made a Comr for sick and wounded, discovered great frauds and proposed a method to the Prince of Denmark which was approved; and the public were saved some thousands of pounds by it, and he was promised an additional salary. Was invited five years since, to serve in parliament for the Town of Ipswich, and was promised to be put into the navy or victualling office. By quitting his employment he lost 500*l.* per ann. for the last five years, having a promise of 200*l.* per ann. for his additional commission. Proposed the act for stamping paper and parchment, and spent on it 470*l.* There was due to him for goods and other services, 2,048*l.* 6*s.* Prayed for payment and to be put into any commission in which he might be useful.

Copy of his appointment by Prince George of Denmark, and memoranda of savings effected by the memorialist in the sick and wounded office. Undated, but William Churchill was elected for Ipswich, 21 Nov. 1707, and the memorial is five years later, viz. 1712. 3 *pages.*

35. Memorial of Sir John Gibsone, Knt, Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth. There is due to him on his account for fire and candle for the garrison of Portsmouth 311*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, and yet the sheriff of the county of Southampton has an execution at her Majesty's suit against him to levy 42*l.*, &c. Praying a warrant for a *supersedeas* to this prosecution. ? 1712. See *Letter Book,* Vol. 14, p. 161. 1 *page.*

36. Petition of Mildred Rowan, widow of the late Captain Rowan, to the Lord High Treasurer. Her husband's great and eminent services in supporting the Protestant religion and interest in Ireland had placed him on the establishment of Ireland for half-pay as captain of foot, but in his journeys, &c., to obtain the same he had expended about 200*l.*, and died leaving five children unprovided for: praying for the continuance of a similar provision for their relief. ? 1712.

The former warrant for half-pay. 2 *pages.*

37. List and numbers of the forces in the pay of the States General. Undated, but ? between 1710 and 1713. 4 *pages.*

VOL. CLVIII. 1713. 1 JANUARY—12 FEBRUARY.

[After 1712.] 1. "Maids of Honour to Queen Catherine, King Charles's Queen"; also "Maids of Honour to Queen Mary, King James's Queen."

Indorsed: "Presidents [precedents] of Maids of Honours' fortunes." There are but few of them mentioned, but the paper shows to whom they were married. The "fortune" allowed them appears to have been 3,000*l.* a piece.

After 1712, and perhaps many years later, from mention of the late L^{d} Godolphin, who died in that year. 1 *page.*

2. Estimates of Her Majesty's forces in garrison at Dunkirk, Gibraltar, Jersey and Guernsey, and the foreign plantations (viz., Jamaica, the Leeward Island, New York, Bermudas, Annapolis Royal, and Placentia), the Low Countries, and Minorca, with the charges thereof for the year 1713. 5 *pages.*

3. Abstract of estimates for 1713. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 4. "Sums demanded for the navy between 16 Sept^{r} 1712 and 1st Jan^{ry} 1712–13; with the funds towards answering the same." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 5. Indenture made between James Worsley, Esq., chief woodward of the New Forest, &c., and Owen Sutherland, general purveyor of her Majesty's navy for Portsmouth, witnessing the delivery for the use of the navy of several parcels of timber, selected from dotard and decayed trees sold to pay the salaries of officers of the forest, and from fuel assigned to the inhabitants and borderers of the forest who claimed estovers. Dated 1 Jan. 1712. 1 *page.*

Jan. 3. 6. The representation of Henry Duke of Beaufort, W^{m} Lord Berkley, W^{m} Lord Craven, John Lord Carteret, Maurice Ashley, Esq., and Sir John Colleton, Bart., proprietors of the Bahama Islands in America, to the Lord High Treasurer. By their charter they had nominated governors, had taken care for the defence of the same, and had built in the Isle of New Providence a fort with 30 guns. In the year 1701 the inhabitants rebelled, took the forts and magazine, seized Elias Hasket, Esq., the governor, imprisoned him and sent him in chains out of the islands. In the absence of the governor the French and Spaniards landed there and demolished the forts, &c. In the year 1702 the proprietors sent over Edward Byrch, Esq., as their governor, who some time after came away without their knowledge. They thereupon, in 1707, appointed Robert Holden, Esq., as governor. The Com^{rs} of Trade saw no reason why her Majesty should not approve the appointment, but her Majesty not having declared her approbation, the proprietors in 1710 nominated Edward Tynte, Esq., as governor. Her Majesty had not declared her pleasure thereon, but if her Majesty thought fit to take the government of the islands into her own hands, the

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proprietors asked to be allowed a consideration for the charges they had been at. Dated Craven House, 3 Jan. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"15 Jan^{ry} 1712/13. R. to Com^{rs} for trade and plantations." 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 8. 7. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer in behalf of several invalid soldiers recommended to Chelsea Hospital. The Duke of Ormond, in compassion for their starving condition, had paid them a week's subsistence, and asked to be reimbursed. On the back is:—"8 Jan^{ry} 1712."

The list of the names and an account of the money paid. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 8. Petition of the Sieur De la Georgerie Guiller, merchant, to the Lord High Treasurer, for an order to the customers to restore certain pieces of lutestrings seized by them. Dated Cork, Jan. 9, 1712–3. 1 *page.*

Jan. 12. 9. Peirce Griffyth to ———. Complains of the inexpressible necessities the service was under at Port Mahon for want of payment of the bills drawn on the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded, and asks that 3,100*l.* might be ordered by the Lord High Treasurer. There were upwards of 200 sick men in the hospital. Dated 12 Jan. 1712–13.

A memorial from him to the Lord High Treasurer to the same effect, and two other papers relating to the same subject. 4 *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 12. 10. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a letter from the Post Masters concerning boats which go between the river [? Thames] and Rotterdam, and transport letters and passengers of all sorts, that orders may be given to prevent a practice so prejudicial to her Majesty's revenue. [*Minuted*:—"Send to Comm^{rs} Cust."] Also sends copy of a memorial of the Prussian Minister concerning arrears due to his master's troops. [*Minuted*:—"Sent to M^{r} Brydges."] Dated Whitehall, 12 Jan. 1712–13. 1¼ *pages, quarto.*

Jan. 12. 11. "An account of South Sea stock received p Treasurer of her Ma$^{ty's}$ Navy for marine services before the 29th Sept^{r} 1712, and how much thereof hath been applied to those uses." Dated 12 Jan. 1712–13.

Also the same account made up a little differently. 4 *pages.*

? About Jan. 13. 12. John Williams to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Had had a long conference with the Hon. Comm^{r} Peyton, but he so apprehended the burthen of her Majesty's stock of tin upon hand that he could not be moved. Had studied to dispose of all the old stock. Had not discovered his plan to the Com^{rs} or any other person. If his L^{p} approved the plan it was worthy of being his own act. Had an agreement with the late Lord Treasurer, but would be content with a tenth part of the advance of the growing stock, her Majesty receiving her full price of 3*l.* 16*s.* the hundred.

Minuted:—"13 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{12}{13}$. My Lord will not enter into any agreem^{t}, nor knows of any entered into p late Lord Trea̅rer." 1 *page.*

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Jan. 14. 13. J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. The Portuguese troops in Spain had made great complaints for want of money to enable them to march through Catalonia into their own country. Enclosed copies of letters relating to issue of money to the troops, &c. Presumed their necessities might be occasioned by debts contracted in expectation of being paid what was due, which, with arrears for last year, might amount to 100,000*l.* Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 14 Jan. 1712–13.

The copies named. $3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

About Jan. 14. 14. Memorial of Col. John Guise to the Duke of Ormonde, Captain General of her Majesty's land forces. Three hundred guineas belonging to his sister, who was going to Holland, and had provided the same for her journey, had been seized and taken from her in the river Thames. Prayed his Grace to intercede with the Lord Treasurer that the half belonging to her Majesty might be restored.

Minuted:—"R. Janu. 14, 17$\frac{12}{13}$. This money is disposed off." 1 *page.*

Jan. 16. 15. Copy of a letter from the Master and Worker of the Mint to M^{r} Chancellor concerning the value of two Spanish pieces of money assayed at Goldsmiths' Hall. Dated Mint Office, Jan. 16, 1712–13. 1 *page.*

? About Jan. 17. 16. Thomas Chaplin to the Lord [High Treasurer], asking his L^{p} to order payment of his salary as master of the tennis court.

Minuted:—"17 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{12}{13}$. A w^{t} to be prepared." 1 *page.*

Jan. 17. 17. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses letter from the Board of Ordnance as to the charges for ordnance in New England and New York. Dated Whitehall, 17 Jan. 17$\frac{12}{13}$.

The enclosure. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Jan. 19. 18. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Peter, Esq., late Receiver General in the county of Hertford. They continued of the opinion that he ought not to be entrusted with any more of the public moneys, and that another should be appointed in his room. With the utmost difficulty his debt was reduced to 7,574*l.* Dated 19 Jan. 1712.

Minuted:—"Approved."

His petition and a schedule, and a letter from him of the same date. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 19. 19. Report of Mr. J. Howe, Paymaster of the Guards and Garrisons, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of M^{r} W^{m} Borrett, Solicitor of the Treasury, praying payment to Captain Edward Borrett of the 200*l.* per ann. directed by warrant of 12 April 1712 in consideration of the loss of his leg at the battle of Mons. Recommending his case. Dated 19 Jan. 17$\frac{12}{13}$.

The petition, and an account of sums annually paid out of contingencies upon the establishment of guards, garrisons, &c.

Minuted:—"21 Feb. 1712/13. A lrẽ to M^{r} How to pay one year." $5\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

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Jan. 21. 20. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, moving his L^p to grant his warrant for the payment of a moiety of 129*l.* 3*s.* to M^r Henry Canby, a searcher of London, the same having been seized by him. Dated 21 Jan. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"W^t signed."

Certificate of the seizure. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 21. Report of Lord Ormonde to Lord Bolingbroke on the petition of the Lord Bellew, which states that the honour and estate had descended to him, but that he had been at great expense in reversing his outlawry, by which and other expenses the estate was so much reduced that it would not suitably support his family. Believed the estate was much reduced. His L^p had forsaken the Romish and embraced the Protestant religion, which deserved some mark of her Majesty's favour, and the encouragement thereof would tend to strengthen the Protestant interest in Ireland. Had no objection to his having a pension on the establishment of Ireland. Dated London, 21 Jan. [17$\frac{12}{13}$ on the back].

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 22. W^m Borrett to M^r Taylour. A fine of 3*s.* 4*d.* was severally set upon the persons who were tried for the riot committed in Essex S^t, mentioned in the Attorney General's report, and the reason why the court at the Old Bailey set so low a fine was that M^r Fanshaw and M^r Sydenham, who were concerned in the riot, being discharged by her Majesty's warrant, appeared at the trial of these rioters and gave evidence that Bouch, the petitioner, made the first assault. Thought that 30*l.* was sufficient reward for Bouch, the petitioner. As to the other riot committed by Goulding and Ben, mentioned in M^r Attorney's other report, a fine of 100*l.* was set on each of them, which was granted to the Chapter of Westminster, but the rioters were so poor that they continued in prison, and were not able to pay the same. The petitioner Greenwood might deserve 20*l.*, but Bagnal had no right to expect any reward. Dated 23 Jan. 1714.

The two reports of the Attorney General. In the first riot, in Essex S^t, Lord Hinchinbrooke, Sir Mark Cole, M^r Thomas Fanshaw, M^r Thomas Sydenham, M^r John Reading, M^r Robert Beard, M^r Robert Squib, Hugh Jones, and several others were concerned, and it consisted of an assault upon John Bouch, a watchman. The other case was for stabbing one John White with a penknife.

Minuted:—"W^t signd 22^th Jan. 1712/13."

The three petitions, a certificate of W^m Borrett, two other certificates, and an affidavit. 14 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 23. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. As to certain arms and accoutrements remaining in the custody of Charles Medlicott, Commissary General of the stores of war in Portugal. It might be for her Majesty's service to have the 500 small arms sent to her Majesty's stores in Gibraltar, and the rest of the stores sold at the best rate in Portugal. Dated 23 Jan. 1712.

Minuted:—"23 Jan^ry 1712/13. Write to Com^rs to know what small stores have been sent to Spaine and Portugal, under whose care, & w^{t} acco^{ts} have been rendered thereof."

Letter of Sir W. Wyndham, a memorial, and an inventory of bedding at the British hospital near Lisbon. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 24. Com^{rs} of the Navy to William Lowndes, Esq. It would give great satisfaction to the companies of her Majesty's ships in the Mediterranean to have their short allowance paid abroad. Dated Navy Office, 23 Jan. 1712.

Minuted:—"The Com^{rs} of Vict. to attend on Tuesd^{a} about what credit they can gett for y^{e} short allow^{a} m^{o}, and to charge them to take a ꝑticular care that the instructions be observed in paym^{t} of that mo." 1 *page.*

Jan. 23. 25. Lord Portmore to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Had perused the papers relating to Gibraltar and the forces remaining in Portugal, and finding the purport of all of them contained in M^{r} Brydges' memorial, had sent his thoughts on each article. Could not say anything as to the case of Col. Dalyell's officers and men. Dated London, 23 Jan. 1712–3.

Minuted:—"24 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{12}{13}$. To be read on Monday."

The paper referred to. In one column are M^{r} Medlicott's demands, and in the other Lord Portmore's remarks. 4 *pages.*

After Jan. 26. 26. A list of warrants for borrowing money upon South Sea Stock for the use of the public. The latest date is 26 Jan. 1712–13. 1 *page.*

Jan. 27. 27. Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the establishments of officers, ministers, &c., belonging to the ordnance service of Port Mahon, Catalonia, Gibraltar, Barbadoes, Jamaica, New York, Annapolis, and Flanders, and offered various observations thereon. Dated 27 Jan. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"12 Feb. 1712/13. To the respective gen^{lls} w^{t} concernes them, and to the Comm^{rs} Trade w^{t} concerns the plantac͠ons. Lr̃e signed." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 27. 28. J. Wich to the Lord High Treasurer. Had held out to the last moment and the last farthing, and the honour of his character and the bread of his family wholly depended on his Lordship's favour. His Lordship was sensible of the condition all Holstein stood in. They must pay for everything in ready money three times as much as they did three weeks before. Hay, straw, &c., were at such a price that he would willingly sell part of his equipage, if he could find a buyer, so that at last he would be forced for want of forage to knock his horses on the head, since no body would accept them as a present. Prayed his L^{p} to order some part of his arrears. If not assisted he and his family would be in "a very pityful condition." Were unanimously apprehensive of the pestilence when the warm weather came. Dated Hamburg, Feb. 7 [*i.e.*, 27 Jan.], 1713, which, explained by the docquet outside, must be 1712–3.

On the back is:—"R. Febr. 3. Warr^{ts} are signed by yo^{r} Lopp. for M^{r} Wych's (with other public ministers) to clear them to Xmas

1710, but the money not yet ordered. Those for M^{r} Wyche are for ord^{ry}, 1825^{li}; extra^{rys}, 300. And there is further due to him for 2 years' ord^{ry} from Xmas 1710 to Xmas 1712, 3655^{li}, [in all] 5,770*l.* Note his bills of extra^{rys}, for the two last years are not yet brought in." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 29. Memorial of Sir W. Wyndham to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting the building of barracks in the Savoy, the Mews, &c. for her Majesty's guards. Asking that the Officers of works and a general officer should find out and report on a proper place for further accommodation, &c. Dated Whitehall, 29 Jan. 1712–13.

Also report of the Officers of Works, giving the estimate for the barracks at the Savoy.

Minuted:—" 2 Feb. $17\frac{12}{13}$ . . . to the works for the Savoy, and to veiw the guard. . . . . The plan & the acco^{t} dd to Major Gen^{ll} Tatton to copy and then to be returned." 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 29. 30. Memorial of W^{m} Slaughter, late Marshal for prisoners of war at Plymouth, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of the debt of 2,924*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* due to him. He was no contractor, but an officer at 50*l.* per ann. salary, and his employment was to pay the prisoners their daily subsistence at 5*d.* a day each. The debt was incurred by borrowing the money at great interest to carry on the service.

Also an abstract of his account. Dated 29 Jan. 1712. 2¼ *pages.*

Jan. 31. 31. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, upon a letter of Lord Strafford as to certain pictures in the Queen's warehouse (part of the furniture in Holland belonging to the Earl, who was her Majesty's ambassador in Holland) designed for his house here against the lying-in of his lady: drawing attention to the Acts of Parliament, &c., touching on the subject. All the privileges intended to public ministers were only at their going out or coming home, which was not the case of the Earl, his L^{p} being now on his embassy in Holland. When the present Lord Privy Seal returned from being Envoy to Sweden, he brought a considerable quantity of foreign plate. It was ordered to be entered, notwithstanding it had been long used abroad. There were in the Queen's warehouse for security of the customs, two cases containing 14 pictures of history and "landskipp," with frames belonging to the Earl of Strafford, the value of which must be ascertained on oath, and the duty of 60 per cent. paid. The Earl of Strafford had asked that they (the Com^{rs}) should be reprimanded, but they did not in the least apprehend the Lord Treasurer's displeasure for having discharged their trust. Dated 31 Jan. 1712.

The letter referred to and a copy of a Minute touching the Envoy to Sweden. 4½ *pages.*

Feb. 2. 32. Lord Northampton to the Lord High Treasurer, "praying that his allowance as constable of the Tower may be inserted on the establishment of guards & garrisons." Dated 2 Feb. 1712.

Also copy of the establishment. 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 3. 33. J. Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. The Lords of the Admiralty had no objection to the paying off of the "Bedford" and "Nonsuch." The "Advice" had been lately fitted out by the Queen's command for the Lord Duffus. Dated Admiralty Office, 3 Feb. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"Read 4 Feb. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. The 2 ships to be p^{d} off." 1 *page*.

Feb. 3. 34. Officers of Col. Cavalier's regiment to the Lord High Treasurer. Set forth their miserable condition. If not relieved, they would be thrown into prison very suddenly. Dated 3 Feb. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"9 Feb^{ry} 17$\frac{12}{13}$. My Lord allows nothing of these officers or their pretensions." 1 *page*.

[? About Feb. 4.] 35. Petition of Thomas Bankes, landwaiter in the port of London, to the Lord High Treasurer. Prays promotion to a land surveyorship or deputy searchership, then vacant. The Duke of Hamilton had earnestly recommended him.

"R. from L^{d} Orkney, Febr. 4, 17$\frac{12}{13}$." 1 *page*.

Feb. 5. 36. J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Lays before his L^{p} a state of the accounts of M^{r} Chabane, the late director of the hospitals in Spain. There appears to be due to him 3,166*l.* 17*s.* 5½*d.* Asks direction for his immediate relief. Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 5 Feb. 17$\frac{12}{13}$.

The "state" referred to. 1½ *pages*.

About Feb. 5. 37. Petition of Captain Peter Delum to the Queen. Praying payment of the arrears of his pension of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day, of which he had been deprived on a false surmise that he was dead, he having been engaged in North America settling a new French colony. "R. Feb. 5. 1712/3." 1 *large page*.

Feb. 5. 38. W. Fermor to M^{r} Lowndes respecting a contract for bread for Port Mahon. Dated 5 Feb. 1712.

Also proposal of Henry Neale, Esq., on the subject of a contract for bread for Minorca. 2 *pages* (*decayed*).

Feb. 9. 39. "An account of what South Sea Stock hath been subscribed in the name of Charles Cæsar, Esq., for the use of the public," &c.

Also "An account of the sums which have been borrow'd on mortgage stock, and of the particular uses whereunto the said sums have been applied." Dated 9 Feb. 1712. 3 *pages*.

Feb. 9. 40. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes, as to an application for re-entry by the workmen discharged from her Majesty's yard at Portsmouth. The Lord Treasurer would see by Capt. Townsend's letter in what an irregular manner the petition was obtained. If the officers were not supported in their authority, very little service could be expected, and if such petitions as these were countenanced they would be as numerous as the discharges. Dated Navy Office, 9 Feb. 1712.

Copy of Capt. Townsend's letter.

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A list of the names together with the characters of the workmen. Some are thus described:—"tho' a dissenter is a dilligent and indifferent good workman"; one thus:—"is a baptist and has a family": and another letter on the same subject.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 37, is:—"Upon a report of the Comm^{rs} of the Navy of the 9th instant concerning workmen discharged from the yards, his Lordp̄ finds the peticõners allegacõns are groundless & resolves not to encourage such applicacõns for the future." 9½ *pages.*

Feb. 9. 41. Memorial of Hannah Browne, widow of Col. Geo. Browne, late master gunner of England, praying the Lord [High Treasurer] to call for her petition relating to the arrears of her husband's patent fees. Dated 9 Feb. 1712–13.

Minuted:—"11 Feb. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. State w^{t} arreares are due."

Also copy of a warrant for the payment of 100*l.* per ann. to the deceased. Dated 10 Mar. 1710. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 42. Certificate and representation by the Com^{rs} of taxes about the difference in the land tax 1711, as compared with that of 1712. Dated Office for Hides, &c. 10 February 1712.

Minuted:—"20th Feb. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. Read." 2 *large pages.*

Feb. 10. 43. Report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, to the Lords Justices of Ireland, as to the duty paid by a Dutch man-of-war for provisions in the port of Limerick, which it was not in their power to dispense with. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 10 February 1712–13.

Minuted:—"8 Apr. 1713. A lre to be prepared in favour of this man-of-war." 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 44. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on a claim set up by M^{r} Drysdell, formerly an officer in the Excise, for 1,900*l.* as arrears of salary. He was reduced from being a supervisor of the Distillery in Bristol, at 80*l.* per ann., to be a surveyor of the Distillery in London at 60*l.* per ann., and in May 1709, was discharged for several faults, and since that time had been "in the service of a remarkable distiller" whose name was Fuller. They were strangers to any extraordinary services pretended to be done by him. Dated Excise Office, London, Feb. 12, 1712.

The claim referred to and copies of two minutes on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 12. 45. Report of the Controllers of Army Accounts to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Marquis of Montandre, praying for the removal of the respits on his regiment. If his L^{p} thought fit to allow them they would amount to 358*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* Dated Privy Gardens, 12 February 1712–13.

The memorial.

There is also an undated paper [but after 1710] relating to the subsistence, &c. of this regiment. 4½ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 46. Report of the Com^{rs} for Trade to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the commission given by her Majesty to Henry Neale, Esq.

appointing him to be surveyor of the island of Minorca, and the ports belonging thereto. They were preparing further instructions for him, and advised certain allowances to him and the clerks. Dated Whitehall, Feb. 12, 1712/13. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 47. Certificate of Lord Halifax as to what was due to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, on their allowance of 45,000*l.* per ann. granted to them by Act of Parliament for circulating Exchequer bills. Dated Exchequer 12 Feb. 1712. 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 48. John Knackston to the Lord High Treasurer. As to employment in the Custom House, asking to be made collector of Whitby.

Also a certificate relating to him. Dated 20 Feb. 1712.

Minuted:—" 20th Feb. 1712. To be read when the Com^{rs} of the Customes are here." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 21. 49. Report of the Com^{rs} for duties on hides to the Lord High Treasurer, on the proposal of John Yate to collect the duties on hides, with less charge to her Majesty, &c.; disapproving thereof. Dated Office for Hides, 21 Feb. 1712. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 23. 50. Receipts given by C. Cæsar for 28,500*l.* and various other sums received from the Lord Mayor and trustees for the loan of 200,000*l.* for the service of the Navy. Dated between 5 and 23 Feb. 1712. 3 *pages.*

? About Feb. 23. 51. Memorial of John Netmaker, commissary of the stores for the expedition to Canada, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of the charges he had been at, about repacking, &c. the goods to be sent to North America.

Account of the money disbursed.

Minuted:—" 23 Feb. 1712. Discourse M^{r} Meriel about this."

Again:—" If my L^{d} Treas. pleases to advance 200^{li} on acco^{t} of the clearings of y^{e} 4 comp. at New York for the year 1712, the same may be directed by warr^{t} to be paid over to M^{r} Netmaker, wth a clause inserted therein to make good y^{e} same to y^{e} comp^{s} out of the first produce of y^{e} goods sold. Ordered." 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 24.] 52. Memorial of Richard Mead to the Lord High Treasurer, in behalf of his son John Mead, paymaster of British forces in Spain, praying payment of 11,500*l.*, which sum he had been "in disburse above six years."

Minuted:—" 24 Feb. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. See the lr̃e already writ for stopping this out of the King Portugale's subsidy." 1 *page.*

Feb. 24. 53. Report of the Treasurer of the Navy (C. Cæsar) to the [Lord High Treasurer]. Had heard M^{r} Heysham's allegations in regard to the abatements on his bills, which were drawn for Barbadoes, for the service of the sick and wounded. Was of opinion he should have his bills paid according to the agreement. Dated 24 Feb. 1712.

Letter of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded referring the same for report.

Minuted:—"24 March 1712. Agreed & to be p^{d} out of next land tax." 2 *pages*.

[? About Feb. 24.] 54. The case of Trafford Smyth Esq^{re}., "verminer" of New Forest in Hampshire. At a court held 22 May 1711 it was ordered that the verminer should have all trees out of which vermin were taken. All former verminers took such trees to their use.

Minuted:—"24 Feb^{ry} 17$\frac{12}{13}$. M^{r} Wilcox to bring the reports & w^{t} other proceedings has been in this case, and then my Lord will hear this affaire. M^{r} Wilcox hath nothing more than this depending except settling the value of timber with the navy. The attorneys report to be hastened on the business depend^{g} between M^{r} Wilcox & M^{r} Worseley."

Also copies of divers affidavits respecting the right to the trees referred to. 2½ *pages*.

Feb. 25. 55. Report of the Auditors (Harley and Bythell), to the Lord High Treasurer as to the accounts of Walter Whitfield, Esq., late paymaster of the Marine regiments. There remained 203,713*l*. 12*s*. 8¾*d*., to be accounted for by the executors of M^{r} Whitfield. Dated 25 Feb. 1712.

Also the account of the money imprested to him by the Navy Office. 5 *pages*.

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Feb. 26. 1. Report of Lord Portmore to the Earl of Oxford, on the new establishment proposed by the Board of Ordnance for the garrison of Gibraltar. The works for the fortifications ordered when he was there, as well as those projected by Col. King, were absolutely necessary to be done with the utmost expedition. Dated 26 Feb. 1712/13.

Two establishments for Gibraltar, and two for Port Mahon. 6 *pages*.

Feb. 27. 2. "Copy of the supers depending upon the accompt of the late paymasters in Ireland. Taken from M^{r} Auditor Harley's booke." With a memorandum at the end that this list does not include a great number of imprests under the care of particular Com^{rs}, &c. Dated 27 Feb. 1712. 14½ *pages*.

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Feb. 27. 3. Auditors' (Harley and Bythell's) certificate of the state of imprest accounts and other accounts before them. Dated 27 Feb. 1712. 18 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 4. An account of the gross and net produce of the duties on gilt and silver wire, and starch, from their respective commencements to 27th February 1713. 1 *page.*

Feb. 5. "Extract of letters about the affairs of Gibraltar since the negotiations of peace," relating principally to the furnishing of the troops with provisions. The last date is in February 1712/13. 8½ *pages.*

March 2. 6. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting certain wine and brandy which came ashore near Pembroke, and was demanded by the Collector there from the gentlemen in whose custody it was, who answered that it belonged to them as lords of the manor, and that there was no duty payable. It having been determined in Westminster Hall that wrecked goods were not liable to duty, they (the Comrs) directed that if a refusal for joint possession of the goods were given, he (the Collector) should insist upon security being given for the duties in case a claimer should appear within a year and a day. Dated 2 March 1712.

Three other papers on the same subject, one being of a little later date.

Minuted:—"4 Mar. 1712/13. A lre to ye Commrs Customes hereupon." 5 *pages.*

March 2. 7. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (P. Medows and Ja. Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Lord North and Gray, praying for the discharge of 1,150*l.* lying a burthen upon the officers of his regiment. A debt of 1,188*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* had come down, known as the "old debt." Left it with his Lp to determine what measure should be pursued with it. Dated 2 March 1712. 1 *page.*

March 2. 8. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending an estimate for land and sea services. They had not lately given in any, but had been allowed 4*s.* a man a month. Dated Office of Ordnance, 2 March 1712/13. 1 *page.*

March 2. 9. Comrs of Transport to Mr Lowndes, in answer to Col. Nevill who complained of the crowding of a transport ship. In time of war on sending men to Spain, Portugal, or on other expeditions, the room allowed never exceeded two tons of shipping to three men, though it was expected they would be on board three, four, or five months (as frequently did happen). And this even in summer time, when the weather was hot, and the holds of the ship filled with provisions, so that there was accommodation for the men only between decks. On the occasion referred to, as it was the winter season, in which the prisoners were to be fetched from Bayonne, and the run looked upon to be short, it was thought one ton to two men was sufficient and they had directions to provide 1,000 tons of shipping for 2,000 men, which directions were exceeded by 70 tons. On hiring shipping into monthly pay, the method was to cause the ships to be measured according to the rule of Shipwrights' Hall, so that every ship's tonnage was exactly known before going to sea. They had appointed two skilful persons, one an elder brother of the Trinity House, and the other a shipwright, who certified the tonnage of each ship on oath, as they did of those that went to "Port Passage." Instead of 560 men that the ship in question was appointed for, her complement would have been 598. They had received no complaint of the transport masters refusing to take on board the number of men and horses which they were ordered to bring. Dated 2 March 1712.

Minuted:—"3 March 1712/13. A copy to S^{r} W^{m} Wyndham to send to Nevill." 3 *pages*.

March 3. 10. Copies of two certificates of S. Godolphin, auditor to the Paymaster-General of Marines (Mostyn), that Vaughan Bonner, Esq., Receiver General of Land Tax for the Lindsey division of the county of Lincoln, had supplied certain sums out of the land tax money for rewards on raising recruits. Dated 3 March 1712. 2 *pages*.

[? About March 3.] 11. Bouer Lagarde to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Begged that his L^{p} would at least order him the payment of those bills which had been drawn on account of the embarkation of the Imperial troops for Catalonia at her Majesty's costs in the year 1711, and also of the bills drawn in the same year by M^{r} Petit, Governor of Port Mahon, upon her Majesty's paymaster at Barcelona.

Minuted:—"3 Mar. 1712/13. To compt^{rs} with the other lr̃es & papers concerning this." 3 *pages*.

March 4. 12. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the building of barracks in the Savoy for lodging 500 soldiers; also as to stabling at the Horse Guards, and encroachments made; and further as to putting the guard rooms at Whitehall, St. James's and Kensington in repair. Dated 4 March 1712/13.

Minuted:—"25 Mar. 1713. Minutes within & lr̃e writ." 2 *pages*.

March 4. 13. Report of the Com^{rs} for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the debt and proposal of M^{r} Lloyd, late receiver general of taxes for North Wales. Leaving to his L^{p} to allow further time if he saw fit. Dated 4 March 1712.

Minuted:—"Read 15th May 1713. My Lord will not give any direccõn on this rep^{t} till he sees what is answered by the suretys who have had time given them to the end of this term."

The proposal referred to. 2 *pages*.

March 5. 14. Certificate of Heneage Finch to the Lord High Treasurer, of his examination of the books of the Jewel Office, giving extracts therefrom in relation to the plate delivered to the Governors of the

Leeward Islands, since her Majesty's accession. Dated Jewel Office, 5 March 1712.

On the back are some memoranda as to plate received by Charles Jones. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

March 5. 15. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Excise (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer, viz.:—that M^{r} John Forbes of Collodon and his tenants had refused payment of any duty on exciseable liquors arising from his lands in Ferrintosh (otherwise than the yearly tack duty of 400 marks Scots), the said Forbes claiming an exemption therefrom as his private right by virtue of several Acts of Parliament. They had referred the cause to the Court of Exchequer and it was given against them. Prayed his L^{ps} directions as to whether they should appeal to the House of Lords. Dated Excise Office, Edinburgh, 5 March 1712/13.

March 7. The two Acts of Parliament referred to and four other papers on the same subject. 15 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 7. 16. Affidavit of Owen Lloyd, of London, stationer, as to unfair proceedings of the former contractors in obtaining the contract for the supply of parchment to the Com^{rs} of Stamps. More particularly against M^{r} Pooley, a Commissioner.

Sworn 7 March 1712.

Minuted:—"13 Mar. 1712/13. M^{r} Pooley to have a copy." 1 *page.*

March 7. 17. Articles of agreement made between the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford) and Moses Beranger, of London, merchant, respecting the sale at Amsterdam of tin belonging to the Queen, and held by Beranger as security for the repayment of a loan of 100,000*l.* made to her Majesty. Dated 7 March 1712. 7 *pages.*

March 7. 18. J. Burchett to the secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer, about examining the accounts of Captain Matthews, in the West Indies, for stores bought for H.M. ship "Chester." The Com^{rs} of the Navy considered themselves debarred by a commission granted to Col. Nicholson from stating and adjusting such accounts. Dated Admiralty Office, 7 March 1712/13.

Minuted:—"10 Mar. $17\frac{12}{13}$. Not to interfere with the regular course of passing acco^{ts}."

Copy of letter from the Navy Board thereon. 4 *pages.*

[? About March 9.] 19. Report of the Master Worker and Controller of the Mint (Sir Isaac Newton and E. Phelipps) to the Lord High Treasurer on the bills of M^{r} Robert Weddel for prosecuting coiners: were of opinion the bills should be allowed.

Memorial of Craven Peyton, Esq., warden of the Mint, in respect to the same. Referred for the above report. 9 March 1712/13. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

March 9. 20. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending the petition of Richard Adams [under sentence of death] and desiring to know whether it appeared by any acts in the Treasury that the

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petitioner's ancestors had performed the services for the Crown which he said they had. Asking for extracts relating thereto. Dated Whitehall, 9 March 1712/13. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 9. 21. Report of the officers of the Mint upon the memorial of M^{r} Anstis for raising the price of the tin in Cornwall. Dated Mint Office, 9 Mar. 1712/3.

Minuted :—"11 Mar. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. Agreed." 1 *page.*

March 9. 22. An account of the South Sea Stock now in the hands of Charles Eversfield, Esq., treasurer and paymaster to the office of her Majesty's Ordnance. 9 March 1712/13.

Enclosed in a letter to William Lowndes, Esq. 1 *page.*

March 10. 23. "An acco^{t} of the South Sea Stock which hath been subscribed in the name of the Hon^{ble} James Brydges, Esq., for the use of the public, and what transfers have been made thereupon by him, distinguishing those that are absolute from those that are redeemable, and how much still remains in his name unapplyed." Dated 10 March 1712/13. 3 *pages.*

[? March 12.] 24. Petition of M^{r} William Hewer to the Lord High Treasurer, for stay of process, the auditor having no objection thereto, and petitioner having done all that he could to pass the accounts of Samuel Pepys, Esq., as well as his own as treasurer of Tangier.

Minuted :—"12 Mar. 17$\frac{12}{13}$. Stay the proc. till next Michs term." 1 *page.*

March 12. 25. A precept of the Com^{rs} for the public accounts to William Lowndes, Esq., one of the secretaries of the Treasury, for an account to be rendered of all surplusages or unappropriated moneys which remained in the Exchequer at Michaelmas 1710, &c. Dated at Essex House in Essex S^{t} in the Strand, 12 March 1712/13. 1 *page.*

March 16. 26. "A state of M^{r} Whitfeild's account of the marine regiments as they stood at the time of his death. This acco^{t} being made up according to the vouchers in his office. 16th March 1712." 2 *pages.*

March 16. 27. Various memoranda, being totals in columns of expenses of forces in Flanders, war in Spain, &c. Docquetted :—"M^{r} Brydges remaines of 1712." The remains seem to have been made up to 16 March 1712/13. 2 *pages.*

March 17. 28. William Vanbrugh to William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses a state of the account of what was due to her Majesty's servants, payable in the office of the Treasurer of the Chamber for wages and salaries, &c. Dated 17 March 1712/13.

The state referred to. 2 *pages.*

[About March 18.] 29. "Petition and memorial" to the Lord High Treasurer of the inhabitants of Kew within the parish of Kingston-upon-Thames, many of whom were her Majesty's tenants within her manor of Richmond, in Surrey. Had obtained her Majesty's licence to erect a chapel of ease to their parish church on Kew Green. Had, with others, voluntarily subscribed several sums, but they were not sufficient to complete the building, and they had petitioned her Majesty to bestow upon them 80 oaks out of Richmond Park. Her Majesty's surveyor was of opinion that timber of 100*l.* value (the sum required to complete the building), could not be spared. It might be felled, but the Earl of Rochester feared it might deface the park. Prayed his Lordship to order the timber from that park, or from some of the other parks; or to give them a pecuniary benefaction to complete the chapel.

M^{r} Wilcox, the surveyor's, report, and the copy of her Majesty's warrant or licence.

Minuted:—"18 Mar. $17\frac{12}{13}$. My lord to have a copy of the S.M., & he will move the Queen thereupon." 4½ *pages.*

March 18. 30. Sir David Nairne to M^{r}. Taylor at the Treasury Chamber. Sends copy of the memorial previously delivered to the Lord High Treasurer, respecting his allowance of 800*l.* per ann., and asks his assistance to procure a warrant for what was due. Dated 18 March 1712/13.

The memorial mentioned. 2½ *pages.*

March 20. 31. Com^{rs} of Customs in Scotland to William Lowndes, Esq. Give an account of the state of the cash and ask that they may have the Lord Treasurer's directions as to remitting the same. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 20 March 1712–13.

Minuted:—"War^{t} sign'd 31 March 1713." 2 *pages.*

March 21. 32. List of stores brought back from Canada and shipped by John Netmaker on board H.M. ship the "Adventure," Capt. Caleb Wade, commander. Dated London, 21 March 1712/13. 6 *pages.*

March 23. 33. "A true copy of the acco^{t} of deficiencys of 1712 and of the acco^{t} of the provisions made in the preceding session of parl^{t} and of the paym^{ts} & remaynes thereof, w^{ch} acco^{t} was by mee p^{r}sented to the Com^{rs} of acc^{ts} on 23 March 1712/13. W. L." 12 *pages.*

March 23. 34. "An acco^{t} of all surplusages or unappropriated moneys remaining in the Exchequer at Michaelmas 1710, and the sums paid in there to Michaelmas 1712, for the use of the publique, with the uses to which the same have been issued."

"Copy exa. p M. Frecker 23 March 1712/13." 2 *pages.*

March 23. 35. W. Lowndes to ———. Sends an account of the savings upon the moneys granted in the last sessions of Parliament. Supposes what was meant by these savings was, the pay and subsidies granted for the foreign troops in the low countries which disobeyed the English General there, about the latter end of May last. Knows not what particular troops disobeyed. Signifies under certain circumstances what the saving would be. Dated 23 March 1712/3. 1 *page.*

March 24. 36. Representation by the Com^{rs} of Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer. Had lately mentioned divers ill practices carried on in Cumberland and Westmoreland to the prejudice of the duties on houses. M^{r} How, one of the officers, had corruptly received an annual allowance under the name of civility money, for conniving at and suffering those ill practices. Were of opinion he ought to be discharged and prosecuted, and that Giles Redman ought also to be discharged for the same reason. Dated 24 March 1712. 1 *page*.

March 24. 37. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on a memorial of Mons. Bonet, the King of Prussia's minister, relating to Prussian and other foreign ships being permitted to unload part of their cargo in one port, and part in another. The practice was to allow the same. Dated 24 March 1712/13.

The memorial referred to.

Minuted :—"Read 25 Mar. 1713. Send to him a copy." 2 *pages*.

March 24. 38. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Would not dispose of any of the tallies, &c. in their Treasurer's hands without his L^{p}'s particular directions. Had but 3,000*l.* in cash. Asked his L^{p} to order as much as he could spare, 104,645*l.* 2*s.* 1½*d*, being due to the office. Dated 24 March 1712/13. 1 *page*.

March 24. 39. The account of tallies and other effects now remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of her Majesty's Ordnance, above referred to. 1 *page*.

[Before March 25.] 40. "Estimate of the charge of a present for y^{e} Dey of Algier." Dated March 1712–3. 1 *page, quarto*.

March 25. 41. James Douglas to Captain Armstrong. Would inform him about Major Livingston's company of Indians. Col. Veitch wrote that the severity of the winter had detained the mast fleet hitherto, and that the major had raised a company of Indians for the garrison of Annapolis Royal with great success. Had drawn upon the Lord Treasurer for their pay, &c. Had agreed with the major to allow them only 3*l.* a man levy money. They were embarked for Annapolis, and would be of very great service. Dated London, 25 March 1713. 3 *pages*.

March 25. 42. State of the Royal Gardens and plantations under the care of M^{r} Wise at Lady day 1713, viz., at Hampton Court, Kensington, and Windsor. 3 *pages*.

[After March 25.] 43. Report of a committee on the petition of William Paterson, Esq., as to his claims on the African and Indian company of Scotland. Amongst other things, for the support he gave to the Darien expedition. Were of opinion that 18,241*l.* 10*s.* 10¾*d.* ought to be made good to him. 7 *pages*.

March 26. 44. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs, Dublin, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Lewis Chaigneau, merchant, who had been allowed to land certain sugar, the casks being leaky, under a penalty of 500*l.* to export the same. When examined they contained nothing but water, the molasses having been sold to a distiller. Were of opinion that the full penalty of 500*l.* should be paid. 250*l.*

had been deposited, and unless the other 250*l.* were paid they would compel him to pay it. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 26 March 1713.

Minuted:—"22 May 1713. The law is to take its course. My Lord will not interpose in his favour." 2 *pages.*

March 27. 45. Report of E. Harley (Auditor) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Captain Clark, connected with his claims on the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded for transport of prisoners between England and France. Dated 27 March 1713.

The petition referred to and 4 other papers. 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

March 28. 46. Receipt given by C. Scarborough to M^{rs} Lowman for certain plate of his late Royal Highness [Prince George of Denmark.] Dated S^{t} James, 28 March 1713. 1 *page.*

March 30. 47. Memorial of Henry Portman to the Lord High Treasurer. Praying payment of 200*l.* for watering the ring in Hyde Park, and 200*l.* for hay for the deer and the keepers' wages. Also representing that the ring and way from the gate were so very bad that several coaches had been overturned, of which he was ashamed. Dated 30 March 1713. 1 *page.*

March 30. 48. Report of M^{r} W^{m} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the facts represented by Thomas Boddely, respecting claims of John Greenwood and John Bouch, who had been witnesses in government prosecutions. The latter was against the Lord Hinchingbrook, Sir Mark Cole, Thomas Fanshaw, Thomas Sydenham, John Reading, Robert Baird, Robert Squibb and Hugh Jones for a riot and assault on the witness. Her Majesty granted a *noli prosequi* in favour of Lord Hinchingbrook, Thomas Fanshaw, and Thomas Sydenham. Bouch had received 30*l.* and Greenwood 20*l.* Did not believe that Bouch might have received 100 guineas not to appear against the rioters. Bouch denied that he knew anything of Boddely, or gave any directions for writing the letter; this was denied by Greenwood who further said that M^{r} Lowther told Greenwood he was to pay him (M^{r} Borrett) a hundred and odd pounds for soliciting these prosecutions. M^{r} Lowther denied this; but said that being solicited he paid the fees demanded at each office, viz., Treasury, 1*l.* 5*s.* (at the rate of 6*d.* in the pound according to the table of fees hung up in the office); the Auditor of the Receipt, 17*s.* 6*d.*; Clerk of the Pells, 11*s.* 6*d.*; the Tellers, 1*l.* 10*s.* He (M^{r} Borrett) took the letter to be false and scandalous. Dated 30 March 1713.

The letter referred to and another letter with initial "G. J." on the same subject, dated 15 May. 3½ *pages, decayed.*

March 31. 49. Debt of the office of Her Majesty's ordnance to the 31st of March 1713. 1 *page.*

[? About March 31.] 50. Memorial of Peirce Griffyth, agent for Sick and Wounded seamen at Port Mahon, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying immediate payment of the bills, or that the hospital be broken up and the seamen ordered on board, since otherwise they must inevitably perish in his custody.

Minuted:—"31 March 1713. To Comm^rs^ Sick & Wounded." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? Before April 1.] 51. Proposals made by John Warner, "Mathemat," living in Stone Court, Fetter Lane, London, to the House of Commons, for raising a fund by a tax on metals towards carrying on the present war or discharging the debts of these kingdoms in case of a peace.

A duplicate of the above, with a trifling addition. 2 *pages.*

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[? About April 1.] 1. Memorial of M^r^ George Montgomery to the Lord High Treasurer praying for the office of secretary to the board of customs in Scotland, the office being filled by one who was not very acceptable to the Com^rs^ and less so to the merchants.

"R. Apr. 1 1713 from E. Eglinton." 1 *page.*

April 1. 2. Sir W. Wyndham, Secretary-at-War, to the Secretaries of the Treasury. The 8,000 Prussians in Italy have broken their stipulation for marching out of Italy without giving the notice required by the treaty, and no further pay is to be remitted to them. Gives the purport of the treaties concerning these troops. Dated Whitehall, 1 April 1713. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

April 2. 3. Memorial of the Same to the Same, relating to the garrison of Annapolis Royal. Captain Armstrong, being sent over from the garrison, produced a memorial asking for provisions besides their pay, the country being so far from able to furnish provisions that the greater part of those who lived near the garrison depended on it for provisions, of which none could be obtained nearer than at Boston, 100 leagues distant. The troops in this new colony had no opportunity when not on duty, of getting anything by working, except when employed on the fortifications; but at New York they could earn 3*s.* a day. Captain Armstrong produced another memorial from the garrison to the governor of New England to use his interest for a loan to preserve the garrison of Annapolis from the winter's misery, which might occasion a mutiny and dissolution of the garrison; but they got no relief. Another memorial represents that the buildings are much out of repair, and that there were no beds, &c., for the soldiers. Col. Veitch, the Lieut.-Governor, raised a company of Indians and brought them from Connecticut to Annapolis, where they were employed in building fortifications, &c. Asks for eight months subsistence to be immediately issued. Dated Whitehall, 2 April 1713.

The three memorials. 6 *pages.*

April 3. 4. J. Brydges to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Encloses an extract from a letter received from M^r Medlycot, the paymaster of the garrison of Gibraltar, to be laid before the Lord Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 3 Apr. 1713

The extract referred to. 20,000*l.* had been received, and should be paid to the forces and garrison. Was much surprised that no subsistence was to be paid to the regiments of Withiers and Labouchetiers, and could not imagine what would become of them. They were a body of 400 of her Majesty's subjects, who had faithfully served her in her wars, and were left 80 miles up in a strange country without arms, bread, or transport allowed. The inspectors had discovered they were only half the number they originally were. 2½ *pages.*

April 4. 5. Representation to the Queen from the Com^rs for settling the poor Palatines in Ireland. There came into that kingdom, in the months of September, October, and November, in the year 1709, 821 families, of which only 263 remained, the rest having left the kingdom. The 263 families contained 979 persons, who were settled on farms in the country. Her Majesty had allowed for 312 families 40*s.* per family yearly for seven years by letter dated 28 Mar. 1712, but before the letter came 49 families had removed. Partly by their ignorance of the climate and soil, and partly by the difficulty and delays in their settlement, they had been hindered from making the best advantage of their subsistence and improving their farms in such manner as there was reason to believe they would do if subsisted for some time longer, and if assisted to build their houses and furnished with grain to sow. The families that were settled employed themselves very industriously in raising hemp and flax, and would be of great use to the kingdom, and strengthen the Protestant interest, but till they were more perfect in the language, and better acquainted with the English laws and customs, a minister would be necessary to read to them in their own language, into which it was translated, the liturgy of the Church, to which they readily conformed; likewise an agent would be required that understood their language, who should take care they were not misused by their landlords or their Irish neighbours, who laid hold on any opportunity to abuse them. The Com^rs prayed to be allowed the surplus of 624*l.* per ann. and 720*l.*, Treasury fees, for their effectual settlement. These Palatines had all received the sacrament, and most of them according to the liturgy of the Church as by law established, but being ignorant of the Act requiring Protestant strangers to be naturalised and to take the oaths therein mentioned, they had omitted the same, but were ready to do so, &c. Dated Dublin, 4 April 1713. 3 *pages.*

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[? About April 4.] 6. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer of Catherine Waters, wife to Michael Waters, lieutenant in Col. Whiting's regiment, then in America, complaining that her husband's allowance was unpaid for fifteen months, and that she and her family were in great distress, and that her father in the late wars in Ireland lost his life and 1,500*l.* Prays for her Majesty's bounty.

Minuted:—"4 Apr. 1713. To Mr Sloper to give my Lord an accot why the mony is not p̃d to these women according to his Lop's direction." *Again*:—"Lr̃e sent." 1 *page.*

[? About April 4.] 7. Memorial of Charles, Lord Halifax, to the Lord High Treasurer. By the death of the late Lord Paget the mills at Longford had descended to Henry Lord Paget, captain of her Majesty's yeomen of the guard. Asks his Lp to consider whether the mills might not be purchased to convey water into the little river that runs across Hounslow Heath, and supplies the canals and basins at her Majesty's palace of Hampton Court.

Minuted:—"4 April 1713. My Lord will speak to my Lord Pagett concerning this."

Again:—"A lr̃e to the works to veiw." 1 *page, quarto.*

April 6. 8. Copy of a navy bill made out in the names of John Blunt and others for 3,260*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, numbered 2,297, and dated 1 Apr. 1713, for their labour, &c. in taking in subscriptions for the South Sea Company, and for the charges of passing their accounts. The signature to it of the last date is 6 April 1713. 1 *page, injured by damp.*

April 6. 9. "Establishment of four independent companies of foot to be employed at Placentia and in the island of Newfoundland, and of other officers belonging to the garrison." The date of commencement is not filled in. Dated 6 April 1713. 1 *page.*

April 10. 10. "An account of some extraordinary charges which attended the late war in the several parts of the service, and for which no provision hath been yet made by parliamt." The last date is 10 Apr. 1713. 3½ *pages.*

April 10. 11. Representation by the [Comrs for Taxes] about the duties on houses in Cumberland and Westmoreland. Dated Office for Hides, &c., April 10, 1713. 1 *page.*

April 10. 12. J. Burchett to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to the condition of the ship "Looe." Dated Admiralty Office, 10 Apr. 1713. 1 *page.*

April 12. 13. Petition of Robert Walker, Edward Slather, and Nathl Yarnold to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be allowed to furnish packet boats between Dover, Calais, and Ostend by contract with the Post Master General. Dated 12 April 1713.

Accompanied by the following certificate:—"These are to certifie that Mr Robert Walker and Mr Edward Slater, of Dover, are gentlemen well affected to her Maty and the Church of England; are persons entirely in the interest of the present ministrey, have been serviceable to them in the late elections, and that they are fitly qualified to undertake the service of furnishing pacquetts between Dover, Calais, Ostend, or New Port." 2 *pages.*

April 13. 14. Warrant of the L^{d} High Treasurer to her Majesty's Receiver General of duties on houses for Hertford, for payment of the salary of 50*l.* per ann. to Humphrey Knight, surveyor of duties on houses for the county of Hertford. Dated 13 April 1713.

Also the commission appointing the same surveyor. 2 *pages.*

April 15. 15. A report of the examination made by order of the Com^{rs} of Customs into several matters relating to the accounts of Michael Wicks, late receiver in the port of London, with an abstract of the state of his account in the Controller General's books. The latter is dated 15 April 1713. A book of 53 pages.

Enclosed in the book are five papers of a previous date relating to the affairs of M^{r} Wicks. 13 *pages.*

April 15. 16. The charge of several presents provided and sent to the Dey of Algiers, amounting to 365*l.* 15*s.* Signed T. Baker. Dated London, 15 Apr. 1713. 1 *page.*

April 18. 17. Letter from Samuel Atkinson and Thomas Earsby to Thomas Harley, Esq., as to payment for stamps on hawkers' and pedlars' licences. Many of the persons were ancient "decriped people, and very poor." Dated Office for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, 18 Apr. 1713. 1½ *pages.*

April 18. 18. An account of the numbers and disposition of all her Majesty's forces now in pay. Dated 18 April 1713. 3 *pages.*

April 18. 19. Establishment for the officers and servants belonging to the royal hospital near Chelsea to commence from 25 Dec. last. Dated 18 April 1713. 2½ *pages.*

April 20. 20. Report of the Auditor (Harley) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Lady Catherine Jones, daughter and administratrix of the late Earl of Ranelagh, deceased, respecting the settling of his accounts. Dated 20 Apr. 1713.

The memorial and two schedules. The memorial mentions the Earl's house at Cranborne, that at Chelsea, and the little house in S^{t} James's Place. 7 *pages.*

April 21. 21. Report of the Speaker of the House of Commons (Bromley) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the clerks and servants of the House of Commons, viz., as to what they received and what they had lost by the General Naturalization Act, &c. Dated 21 Apr. 1713.

Minuted:—"21 Sept. 1713. P̃pare a w^{t} for the usuall alt̃."

The memorial to her Majesty, and an account of the losses of the clerks and other officers of the House of Commons by reason of the General Naturalization Act and otherwise, and also an account of what salaries were by them received, and what augmentation might be proper to each of them if thought fit. Also a memorial to the L^{d} High Treasurer. 6 *pages.*

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April 21. 22. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., as to a contract for remitting 13,000*l.*, the money they had in hand. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 21 April 1713. 1 *page.*

April 22. 23. Report from the Com^{rs} of the Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a letter from the Com^{rs} of the Customs in North Britain, proposing that a surveyor skilled in the tobacco trade should be sent from hence. Presenting for the office W^{m} Lone, in case a clause be not obtained in Parliament for destroying damaged tobacco. Dated Custom House, London, 22 April 1713.

Minuted:—"13 Aug^{t} 1713. To be considered w^{n} the affaires of Scotland come before my Lord."

The letter referred to and three other papers on the same subject. 5 *pages.*

April 22. 24. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses an extract of a letter from M^{r} Loddington, the Queen's consul at Tripoli, relating to presents that have been usually made to the Bey, referred by the Queen to his Lordship. Dated Whitehall, 22 April 1713.

The extract not now with it. 1 *page.*

April 22. 25. Copy of the Controller's report upon the petition of John Sherman and others for the sum of 8,344*l.* 15*s.* 4¼*d.* for furnishing soft bread to the garrison of Gibraltar. Dated Privy Garden, 22 Apr. 1713.

The petition. 3½ *pages.*

April 23. 26. Com^{rs} of Excise, Edinburgh, to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose copy of a contract made for remitting the excise money, and a list of bills sent to the Com^{rs} for duties on hides in London. Dated 23 Apr. 1713. 5 *pages.*

April 24. 27. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the charge of putting her Majesty's mews near Charing Cross into repair. Dated April 24, 1713.

Also an estimate of the same.

Minuted:—"Read 6 May 1713. The repaires absolutely necessary are to be forthwth made, not exceeding 1,080*l.*, as p y^{e} estimate." See also *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., pp. 79 and 80. 3½ *pages.*

April 24. 28. Memorial of Sir Richard Myddleton, Bart., to the Lord High Treasurer praying the grant of the stewardship of the lordship of Denbigh in North Wales for his own and his son's life.

Docquetted:—"24 Apr. 1713."

Minuted:—"Windsor, Febr. 1, 1713/14. Read to her Ma^{te} & the Queen was pleased to order it to be done." 1 *page.*

April 28. 29. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, in consequence of the article relating to commerce with France. Sending an account of the prohibitions on French goods in England since 1664, and the duties now chargeable on the same kinds imported from any other foreign parts. Dated 28 April 1713.

The enclosure not with it. 1 *page.*

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April 28. 30. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose scheme for half-pay to the officers who had served in the trains of artillery in the last war. Ask directions as to laying the same before the House of Commons. Dated 28 Apr. 1713.

The enclosure not with it.

Minuted:—"1 May 1713. No objections to lay it before the house." 1 *page*.

[? About April 28.] 31. Memorial of Sir William Gifford, Kn^{t}, Governor of Greenwich Hospital, and keeper of the Royal Palace and park there, to the Lord High Treasurer. The park being for the most part dry and barren, afforded but very little grass in the most favourable years, and never sufficient to make the smallest quantity of hay. The deer (about eight score) must be supplied with hay much sooner and a for longer time than in any other parks, the charge whereof Sir Will^{m} Gifford had defrayed for three winters past at 10 loads per ann., at 45*s*. per load. Prayed payment for what was already disbursed and for provision for the future, until her Majesty should settle the palace and park on the Hospital, or otherwise declare her pleasure.

Minuted:—"28 Apr. 1713. See w^{t} will arise from the encroachm^{ts} and w^{t} are y^{e} rents & profitts of the mann^{r}, so as to place this charge thereon, for it is not designed to give the parke to the hospitall."

Again:—"2 Feb. 1713. Pay S^{r} W^{m} the money he is out for hay." 1 *page*.

April 29. 32. William Wogan to M^{r} Lowndes. Sends a letter from the Com^{rs} of Revenue, Ireland, relating to a Dutch man-of-war, which was obliged to pay duty for her provisions in the port of Limerick. As to special warrant for the same or a standing order. Dated 29 April 1713.

The letter referred to and copies of two letters of Lord Godolphin. 4 *pages*.

April 29. 33. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose accounts of balances standing on the collectors of Excise, &c. Dated 29 Apr. 1713.

The accounts referred to. 4 *pages*.

[? About April 30.] 34. Representation of Barons Smith and Scrope to the Lord High Treasurer about the tithes belonging to the crown patronages in Scotland. A commission should issue out of the Court of Exchequer to ascertain what the tithes were which were vested in the crown.

Minuted:—"Apr. 30, 1713. Agreed." 1 *page*.

[? About April 30.] 35. Representation from the same to the Lord High Treasurer. Presumed his L^{p} was not a stranger to several outrages that had been committed in Scotland, by breaking open warehouses in which uncustomed goods had been lodged. In future this might be prevented by providing sufficient warehouses in the principal ports of Scotland, particularly in the port of Leith.

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Minuted:—"30 Apr. 1713. Agreed, but the barons of the Exchequer are to inform themselves of a proper building; to cause it to be surveyed, and to propose w^t is necry to be done for setling it in the crown." 1 *page.*

April 30. 36. Com^rs of Customs, Scotland, to W^m Lowndes, Esq. State the amount of salt remaining in the ports there. M^r James Gordon and M^r Crawford have offered 14*d.* a bushel for it. Dated Edinburgh, 30 April 1713.

Minuted:—"Write to ye Com^rs of Vict. to inform themselves of the nature & val. of this salt, and to the Com^rs of salt duty here to write to Scotl. for ye same purpose." 1 *page.*

[? About April 30.] 37. Representation of the Barons of the Exchequer (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer. A suit had been carried on in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland against the late tacksmen of the customs and foreign excise, to entitle her Majesty to a recompense and satisfaction for frauds by them committed in procuring an extraordinary importation before the Union by an unlawful giving down of customs. The tacksmen had at last given in full answers to the Lord Advocate's bill, but had insisted on the general pardon. To purchase their peace and have no further controversy with the crown, they had promised to pay her Majesty 5,000*l.* upon being exonerated. It would be more for the interest of the crown to accept the proposal offered, than to carry the cause to a conclusion according to the course of law.

Minuted:—"30 April 1713. Read & agreed, provided they reimburse the Queen the charges of the prosecution. W^t signd."

Draft of privy seal for discharging the above tacksmen. 5¼ *pages.*

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[? About May 1.] 1. Memorial of James Cardonnel, who was secretary to Frederick, late Duke of Schomberg, in Ireland, until the battle of the Boyne, afterwards secretary to Charles, Duke of Schomberg, commander-in-chief of the forces in Piedmont, and secretary of the embassy to the Duke of Savoy; but Mons. Vandermier being soon after appointed envoy at the Court of Turin, he (Cardonnel) was obliged to quit the Duke in Germany, &c. Had received but eight months' pay for seven years' service, between 1691–2 and 1699. There were upwards of 2,000*l.* due to him, as appeared by the Duke of Schomberg's certificate.

Minuted:—"1 May 1713. If this be an arrear, how happens it that debentures were not made forth for the same?" 2 *pages.*

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May 1. 2. "Copies of several orders to the Exchequer for paying unto W^{m} Grymes or to his assigns 169*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* for making abstracts of letters patents of the late King James the First." The last was on 1 May 1713, but the paper is probably later. 1 *page.*

May 2. 3. Report of Thomas Hewett to the Lord High Treasurer. Had informed himself of what quantity of timber would be wanting for the repair of Southwell Church, part thereof being finished. The remainder would take 141 tons of timber. Did not believe that the wood in Sherwood Forest was proper for building, being very old, tender, and decayed. Her Majesty formerly gave to repair Mansfield School ten trees, which were chosen by the workmen out of the best sort for that purpose; but when felled, were found to be faulty. If the sound trees were felled it would spoil the wood, make it too thin, and injure the cover. Asked if he should pay 300*l.* out of his sales in lieu of wood. The verderers continued selling the very best trees as fee trees, which had been thought by former justices in Eyre, as well as by himself, a damage to the wood. Dated 2 May 1713.

[The minute for this report to be made is entered in *Minute Book,* Vol. XVIII., p. 74.]

Also "An account taken of Southwell Minster of what timber hath been already used, and what is wanting towards the repair of it." 2 *pages.*

May 6. 4. Memorial of the R^{t} Hon. Thomas Lord Mansel, one of the four tellers of the Exchequer, to the Lord High Treasurer, giving the particulars of his house in S^{t} Stephen's Court belonging to his office, which might be convenient for paying the lottery orders. Offering the same for 100*l.* per annum. Dated Exchequer, 6 May 1713.

Minuted:—"15 June 1713. W^{t} signed."

Plan of the house.

Another copy of the memorial, and copy of subsequent proceedings on the same business, including the dormant warrant of 15 June 1713 for payment of the rent.

Minuted:—"10 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{14}{15}$. M^{r} Smith, one of the tellers, desires that when these offices come to be setled, he may have possession of so much of the house, for which the 100^{li} a year is paid, as is not actually used for offices."

Again:—"18 [Jan.]. Rooms to be found in this house for the new offices." 5 *pages, and the plan.*

May 6. 5. Com^{rs} of Victualling to Thomas Harley, Esq. Send copy of an account which they had laid before the Lords of the Admiralty, of the cost of six months' provisions for the garrison of Placentia, consisting of 350 persons. Dated 6 May 1713.

The estimate and another paper.

Minuted:—"Capt. Moody to attend the Com^{rs} Vict." 4 *pages.*

[About May 7.] 6. Petition of Elizabeth Erskine, relict of Colonel George Murray. Her Majesty had bestowed a yearly pension of 100*l.* sterling on her on account of her husband's services to King Charles II., as appeared by privy seal of Scotland annexed. Petitioner had never received but 100*l.* thereof, and there were 550*l.* due. Prayed for the grant of a new warrant for the same.

Minuted:—"7 May 1713. 100li ꝑ Compton to carry her downe. The barons, wn there, will see to place her for some small matter on the charity roll."

The privy seal referred to. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 7. Petition of John Temple and William Sharrett to the Lord High Treasurer, asking his Lp to give such directions to the Comrs of Excise as he thought meet, in consequence of a vote of the House of Commons. Mr Temple was complaining of his long sufferings and incapacity, and Mr Sharrett of his long imprisonment and poverty. Dated 7 May 1713.

Minuted:—"Ref. to Comrs Excise." 1 *page.*

May 8. 8. Controllers' (Medows and Bruce) report upon the remainder of the stores in Spain, under the care of Mr Theophilus Blyke. Dated Controllers Office, Privy Garden, 8 May 1713.

Accompanied by an account of the clothing consigned to Mr Vincent and Mr Blyke, Commissaries of the stores in Spain, and an account of stores belonging to her Majesty, and remaining under the care of Theophilus Blyke, Deputy to James Craggs, Esq., Commissary. Dated Barcelona, 1712.

Minuted:—"Secr̃y at Warr. Blyke being on his returne home, write to Ld Dartmouth to order Admll Jennings to see wt care he has taken & to inspect the stores."

"Lr̃e writ."

Two letters and a copy of a third relating thereto. 11 *pages.*

May 8. 9. Henry Cotigno to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty knew his deplorable condition. Reminds his Lp of certain vacancies at the Custom House and of his qualifications, and could not but hope for some refreshment to a panting heart. Dated 8 May 1713. 1 *page.*

[? About May 8.] 10. Memorial of Charles Kinnaird, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. John, late Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn, deceased, was an immediate tenant or vassal of the Crown of Scotland. He left an infant heir, and the lands were vested in her Majesty during the minority. Asked that directions might be given to the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland, to have trustees appointed.

Minuted:—"8th May 1713. To be sent to ye barons of ye Exchequer in Scotland to consider & rept. 1 *page.*

[? About May 8.] 11. Proposal to erect two lights at the South End of Gibraltar Mountain, several ships having been lost by mistake in the entering into the Gut "to go through, out of the Mediterranean Sea into the Ocean, by taking the mountain of Carbonero and that of Gibraltar for the Mountain of Apes hill in Barbary & Gibraltar." The expense would be small and the charge of coal could be made good by having nailers to work in the night at the fires.

Minuted:—"8th May 1713. To Comrs Navy & ye brethren of ye Trinity House." 1 *page.*

May 9. 12. Representation by the Postmasters General to the Lord [High Treasurer] of the difficulties which had happened in New England by an act of Assembly, which enjoined the currency of paper bills in that province, as communicated by Mr Hamilton the manager of the posts throughout North America. Dated General Post Office, 9 May 1713.

Minuted:—"To Comrs Trade [for] their opinion upon this." 1 *page.*

About May 9. 13. Memorial of James Dixon of Portsmouth to the Lord High Treasurer as to his brewhouse, which had been valued by a jury at 4,000*l.* for the use of the Government. Had also been promised some recompense for the loss of his trade. By the delay in paying these sums, he was disabled from paying off the mortgages upon the same, for which the mortgagees were prosecuting him. Was prevented from going upon other business, and would be reduced to utter ruin without his Lordship's compassion. Was willing to take the 4,000*l.* in South Sea Stock.

"R. May 9, 1713."

Minuted:—"My Lord believes there may not be the same occasion in time of peace." 1 *page.*

May 9. 14. Comrs for Sick and Hurt Seamen to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Send an account of all the imprests standing out uncleared on 31 Dec. 1712, relating to their service. Dated 9 May 1713.

The account named. 1 *page, quarto, and* 1 *large page.*

May 11. 15. Report of Sir Thomas Hanmer presented from the Select Committee, appointed to consider and examine the estimate for the ordinary of the Navy for the year 1713, as read by him and delivered to the house at the clerk's table, on 11 May 1713. 7 *pages.*

May 12. 16. Memorial of the Governor and Directors of Greenwich Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his Lp to cause tallies and moneys to be issued to their treasurer, to pay the persons employed in building the hospital. 6,000*l.* a year had been given them for six years by the Act for building churches, and 6,000*l.* and 1,200*l.* remained in the Exchequer from the Prize Office, which had also been given for the same purpose. Dated May 12, 1713.

Minuted:—"13 May 1713. Send the part abt levying tallys to the Commrs for churches. Prepare a wt for the money pursuant to the Act, but know by wt rules they apply the same." 1 *page.*

May 12. 17. Edward Southwell to Mr Harley. The Duke of Ormonde was of opinion that the Marquis de Montandre and Brigadier Windsor were entitled to 1,316*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* for the pay of their regiments. Dated Spring Garden, 12 May 1713. 1 *page.*

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May 12. 18. Report of John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Rymer, Esq., and Awnsham and John Churchill, praying payment of 300*l.*, being the amount of the loss by the fire at William Bowyer's printing office in White Friars, when 120 sheets of Mr Rymer's 15th volume were burnt; together with the MS. copy for the remainder of the volume and a quantity of paper: advising that the allowance was reasonable. Dated 12 May 1713.

Minuted:—"Read 16th May 1713. Agreed."

The petition and an affidavit of William Bowyer thereon. 3 *pages.*

May 13. 19. Charles Carkesse to Thomas Harley, Esq. Transmits copy of the report of the Comrs of Customs for preventing the running of tobacco, which they had laid before the Committee of the House of Commons. Dated Custom House, 13 May 1713.

Also the report. 2½ *pages.*

May 14. 20. "Report of the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland [to the Lord High Treasurer] upon the signature to be passed for a *de novo damus* of lands in Birchill & in the Priory of St Andrew in Fife, in favours of Katherine Monypenny in Life Rent, and of David Monypenny in fee." Dated Edinburgh, 14 May 1713. 1 *page.*

May 14. 21. Robert Pooley and Richard Martyn to William Lowndes, Esq. Transmit an account of the gross and net produce of the New Stamp duties arisen by the Act 9 Anne. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 14 May 1713.

The account named. 2 *pages.*

[After May 14.] 22. "Reply to the paper delivered into the Treasury by the Prize Office entitled an answer to Mr Parker's demands," relating to his services in connection with prize goods and affairs.

The answer referred to from the Prize Office to Mr Parker's demands. Dated 14 May 1713.

Four other papers connected with Mr Parker's affairs. 10 *pages.*

May 15. 23. Memorial of J. Holbech to the Lord High Treasurer for a warrant to allow certain extraordinary payments in the late Treasurer of the Chamber's final accounts.

Also a list of the payments named amongst which is, "To Mr Christopher Shrider, organ maker to her Maty, in full of his agreemt for a new organ wch he has put up in her Mat's chapel at Hampton Court, including fees by a like warrt signd and dated 12 Sept. 1712 537*l.* 10. 0."

Also, "To Mr Dahl, painter, for her Majesty's picture in whole length for the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Lord Privy Seal as ambassr, &c., at the treaty of peace," 50*l.*

Referred to the Hon. Edward Harley, Esq., one of the Auditors of Imprests, to report thereon. 15 May 1713. 3½ *pages.*

May 15. 24. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Walter Noble, brother to Richard Noble, who was lately executed for killing John Sayers, Esq., praying for the forfeited estate of his late brother. Richard Noble was possessed of a leasehold house at Bath of the value of 80*l.* per ann. If her Majesty granted the goods and chattels of the deceased they might be granted subject to his debts. Dated 15 May 1713.

The petition. *Minuted:*—"15 June 1713. P̃parẹ a w^{t}. My Lord will take the Queen's pl. thereupon."

Also an affidavit and another opinion of Sir Edward Northey on the subject of the grant of the estate. 4½ *pages.*

May 15. 25. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. The alteration in the method of mustering the forces in Flanders was not done by his directions. Hoped his L^{p} would think that the persons who gave the order were those most proper to be called to account for the same. Dated Cockpit, 15 May 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

May 15. 26. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a letter from Captain Trevor to the Lords of the Admiralty relating to an illegal trade between Gibraltar and Barbary for his L^{p}'s consideration. Dated Whitehall, 15 May 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 16. 27. Report of J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of the clothiers of the forces of the Duke of Ormonde, on a letter signed "Bouer" about bills of exchange drawn by M^{r} Chetwynd and M^{r} Petit, on a petition of Captain Molie of the Earl of Galway's late Spanish regiment of foot, and on the petition of Doctor Michael Keating for his pay as physician to the hospital of Gibraltar. Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 16 May 1713.

Minuted:—"19 May 1713. As to the clothiers my Lord thinks the off-reckonings of those reg^{ts}, for w^{ch} muster rolls are not returned, the clothiers must apply to Paret [? Parliament] before his Lordp̃ will give any order therein. Those for which muster rolls are returned Mr Brydges to state the off-reckonings due thereupon. As to Keating, there being no such officer as a physitian on the establishm^{t}, my Lord can take no notice of this demand."

The four documents referred to. 6 *pages.*

May 16. 28. Comm^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes respecting the disposal of the salt in the different ports of Scotland. Dated Victualling Office, 16 May 1713. 3 *pages.*

May 16. 29. Report of Sir Edward Northey to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial and other papers relating to lands of Sir Nicholas Morice at Plymouth, proposed to be leased to the Com^{rs} of her Majesty's navy. Sir Nicholas had duly suffered a common recovery of the lands and he (the Attorney-General) had prepared a lease for the same for 21 years. The lands were wanted for a dock. Dated 16 May 1713.

Minuted:—"19 May 1713. Com^{rs} navy that the mr̃es may be executed."

Seven other documents and two plans, including a previous report of the Attorney-General and another of the surveyor general. 11½ *pages.*

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May 16. 30. J. Scrope (one of the Barons of the Exchequer for Scotland) to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Had had his Lps commands from Mr Harley and thought that very little could be done in their affairs at present. The customs, however, required some immediate care. Dated 16 May 1713.

Also extract from the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 77, of 30 April 1713. The following marginal titles to the entries in this paper occur in the *Minute Book*:—" About Irish victual brought into Scotland. To ascertain the tythes and patronage in Scotland. Sheriffs to give notice of church vacancies. To compound with the late tacksmen of the customs. Directions about the 14,000li to encourage the trade of coarse wool, and to provide warehouses to lodge seizures." 2½ *pages.*

May 16. 31. State of the money received and paid for tin since Mr Scobell's constitution, viz., 16 May 1713. 1½ *pages.*

May 18. 32. Bond in 1,000*l.* given by Nicholas Philpott of St James's, Westminster, Esq., to the Queen, to render faithful account to the Auditors of Imprest, of monies received from them for the payment of the half pay to the reformed officers of whom he was one of the paymasters. Dated 18 May 1713.

A like bond was entered into by William Morgan the other paymaster. 1 *page.*

May 18. 33. J. D. Crispe to the Hon. Thomas Harley, Esq. Enclosed copy of a letter from Mr Watkins by order of the Duke of Ormonde. Could not communicate the same to the Comrs of the hospital, they having adjourned. The Comrs thought there should be no more invalids admitted. Dated Chelsea Hospital, 18 May 1713.

The letter named. 2 *pages.*

May 19. 34. J. B. to the Lord [High Treasurer ?]. Proposes to show how 26,000*l.* or upwards might be saved to the Queen, in the payment of the British troops in Flanders, Also proposes to discover the practices of commissaries, &c. Dated " Punts Coffy house, St Martin's Court, St Martin's Lane," 19 May 1713." 1 *page.*

May 21. 35. Warrant for the Lord Warden, &c., to view the woods of the New Forest, issued by Montague Lord Norreys, Baron of Rycott, Earl of Abingdon, Warden, Chief Justice and Justice in Eyre of the forests south of Trent. Dated 21 May 1713. 1 *page.*

May 21. 36. Thomas Dummer to the Lord High Treasurer. Could not, on account of the great arrears, prevail on the tradesmen to supply the many necessaries ordered to be forthwith provided for the great wardrobe against the thanksgiving day. 12,000*l.* at least would be wanted. Dated 21 May 1713.

Minuted:—" 1,200li a week for 10 weeks." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 22. 37. Representation of Robert Davers, Esq., Auditor of the Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer. The duty on candles required a clerk to be employed in the Auditor's Office, who would also be able to do the clerkship of the duty upon hops, &c. The warrant for allow-

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ing Sir Basill Dixwell, late Auditor of the Excise, 60*l.* per ann. had determined by his removal. Prayed that it might be renewed to pay for the clerkship. Dated Excise Office, 22 May 1713.

Minuted:—"5 June 1713. My Lord will renew the w^t to him for the 60*l.* a year."

Copy of the warrant. 2 *pages.*

May 26. 38. Memorial of Henry Portman to the Lord High Treasurer. Since he had been ranger of Hyde Park (about 10 years) he had had no allowance of the necessary expense of 30*l.* per ann. for a man to look after the fish ponds, kill the moles, &c., and for other labouring work, amounting to 300*l.* Her Majesty had forbidden any liquor to be sold by the gate keepers, in or near the park, the profit of which was the chief support of three men attending the gate. Her Majesty had also ordered him to place a man at the turnpike "letting" into the road to Kensington, which brought him into additional expense of 100*l.* per ann. Near 100 acres had been enclosed from the park of Kensington, whereby the profits he had by the herbage were much reduced. Asked that all this might be allowed him, as well as for green cloth for the clothing of the keepers and gatekeepers. Farther, there was an absolute necessity for repairing the ring and the way from the gate. Dated 26 May 1713. 1 *page.*

May 26. 39. Excise Com^rs to M^r Lowndes. Transmit an account of all the duties of excise existing on liquors and other goods imported during the two last wars with France, which are under their care, &c. Dated Excise Office, London, 26 May 1713.

The account mentioned. 3 *pages.*

May. 40. Proposal for the advancement of those two small branches of Her Majesty's revenue: viz., the wine licence duty and that arising by the licences granted to hawkers and pedlars. [May 1713. *See the note at the end.*] 3 *pages.*

[? After May.] 41. Memorial relating to the foreign forces in her Majesty's service in the Low Countries, viz., the Holstein troops and the Walloons, each consisting of four squadrons, who had had their pay stopped, although they had distinguished themselves by their zeal for her Majesty's service, and were still in garrison at Ghent and Bruges. They hoped to continue in pay till the Queen evacuated the places in her possession in the Low Countries. 1 *page.*

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June 4. 1. C[harles] Eversfield to "My Lord." Had received a letter from the Board [of Ordnance] to solicit his Lordship for 20,000*l.* to pay off the Flanders train, &c. They prayed his Lp to order that sum. Dated 4 June 1713.

Minuted:—"10 June 1713. Ordered. Lre signed." 1 *page, quarto.*

June 5. 2. Schedule of the debts for the office of the Great Wardrobe. Dated 5 June 1713. 1 *page.*

June 5. 3. Board of Ordnance to Charles Eversfield, Esq. Desiring him to solicit the Lord Treasurer as to the establishment at Barbadoes. Dated 5 June 1713.

"Sent to the Commrs for trade."

Copy of their letter of 21 May on the same subject. 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 6. 4. Thomas Hewett to the Earl of Oxford, Lord High Treasurer. Reporting the number of the trees felled in Sherwood Forest, &c. Dated 6 June 1713. 1 *page.*

June 6. 5. Petition of William Churchill and Edward Castle to the Lord High Treasurer. The sum of 4,449*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* was due to the office of the Treasurer of the Chamber: prayed to be paid up to the time the rest of the Queen's family were paid or for a present supply. Dated 6 June 1713. 2 *pages.*

June 9. 6. Report of Lord Ormonde, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Dominic Langton, clerk, a convert to Protestantism, who had laid an information against several persons in the county of Westmeath which the House of Commons judged groundless, and in consequence the petitioner was deprived of his pension of 30*l.* per ann. The House of Lords afterwards reported on the matter, and advised the restoration of his pension, that those who appeared in evidence for her Majesty might not be discouraged. Was in favour of the restoration of the pension. Dated London, 9 June 1713.

His petition, five certificates, the resolutions of the House of Lords, and duplicates of two of the certificates. 10 *pages.*

June 11. 7. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on a letter of Mr Shackerly, relating to Morgan Whitley, receiver general for Chester and North Wales, a prisoner in Newgate for 12 years on an extent for her Majesty; advising his release. Dated 11 June 1713.

"15 June 1713. Read."

The letter named. 2 *pages.*

June 12. 8. Memorial of Sir John Lambert to the Lord High Treasurer, for payment to him of 8,000*l.* and interest, supplied for the use of prisoners in Spain; also praying for acceptance of his offer to remit 10,000*l.* or 12,000*l.* to Port Mahon. Dated 12 June 1713. 1¾ *pages.*

June 13. 9. Jo. Bentley to John Taylor, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers. On the clandestine export of wool in Ireland under the denomination of beef in barrels. They fit a plate of lead in the bottom

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of the barrel, then "steeve" the barrel full of wool, and put another plate of lead on the top, and one piece of beef at the bunghole, to make it the weight of a barrel of beef. Sends this for Mr Auditor Harley's information. Dated Custom House, Lancaster, 13 June 1713. 1 *page.*

[? About 15 June.] 10. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer from the officers of the eight invalid companies intended to be formed, praying for speedy relief, their families being in a starving condition, and the House of Commons very nearly closing the supply.

Minuted:—"15 June 1713. They must apply to the Queen in Council."

Also a state of what was due to them.

With these is a letter signed "John Mercer," addressed to Mr Tilson, proposing that the latter should receive a douceur. As the case is just, and of a compassionate nature, cannot see any reason why he should refuse so innocent and handsome an overture. Dated 12 June 1713.

[There is nothing to show that this is connected with the preceding.] 4 *pages.*

June 15. 11. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr James Jobson, giving the reasons why they had not accepted his proposal for providing the packet boats between Dover and Calais, and Dover and Ostend or Newport. Dated General Post Office, 15 June 1713.

The petition and proposals. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 16. 12. "An accompt shewing the quantity of Italian and Turkey wrot silk, of unwrot flax, of flax and linseed imported in three distinct years, from Xtmas 1707 to Xtmas 1710, also ye quantity of British linen exported in the same years, with the duties thereon." Dated Inspr Genls Office, 16 June 1713.

Another account somewhat varied, respecting the Italian and Turkey raw silk. 3 *pages.*

June 16. 13. T. Coke to the Lord High Treasurer. For an order to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay 200*l.* for a half year's rent of the house hired for Mons. Leith, the Czar of Muscovy's minister, and for 60*l.* 3*s.* for necessaries disbursed for him. Dated Cockpit, 16 June 1713. 1 *page.*

June 16. 14. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Francis Yonge, late commissary at Lisbon, as to materials bought for the works at Gibraltar. Dated Office of Ordnance, 16 June 1713.

The petition, and an order by Viscount Gallway to purchase the materials, and an account of the stores bought. 4 *pages.*

June 17. 15. Report of the Comrs of Trade to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of several disbanded officers and soldiers, for a grant of a settlement on a tract of land in North America, uninhabited, lying

1713. between Nova Scotia and the river Sagadahoc. They found that the whole country between the river Sagadahoc and Nova Scotia had been granted in 1691 to the inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay. Doubted not but that the corporation would grant the same. There was formerly a good fort at Pemaquid, lying between Sagadahoc and Nova Scotia. The French took the fort in 1696 from the government of Massachusetts Bay, seized all the lands between Nova Scotia and the river Kennebeck, and made a settlement there. M^{r} Dummer the agent produced a letter from the Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, whereby she laid claim to 10,000 acres of land under the grant to the Marquis of Hamilton. The settling of the petitioners on the lands they desired would be a comfortable provision for them, and a security to the frontiers of New England. The lands were in a very good climate, the soil fertile, with plenty of trees for naval stores, many navigable rivers and good harbours, also a very good fishery on the coast. Dated Whitehall, 17 June 1713.

Minuted :—"Put into M^{r} Dummer's hands, and ret. by him againe, he having my Lord Treãrs orders to make the proposicõn more certaine, in order to be layd before the Councill. 23 June 1713."

The petition referred to, with 30 signatures. 5 *pages*.

Nov. 5, 1712–June 19, 1713. 16. Four letters of H. Bishop of London to the Lord [High Treasurer], recommending for appointment Henry Cotigno, whom her Majesty had also recommended. He was fit for a landwaiter's place, and had fallen into the hands of the Philistines. He was the most eminent and sincere convert that ever the bishop knew. Dated Fulham, between Nov. 5, 1712 and June 19, 1713. 4 *pages, quarto*.

[? About June 20.] 17. "An account of the severall persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt, Trinity Term 1713, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recover'd." Signed "W^{m} Johnson, soll^{r}." 10½ *pages*.

June 22. 18. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends the report of Sir W^{m} Wyndham upon Major Nugent's petition. Her Majesty thought fit that he should be supplied with money for his charges to Spain. Dated Whitehall, 22 June 1713. 1 *page, quarto*.

June 23. 19. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer, about the method of passing privy seals for grants of non-entry duties, &c. in Scotland. Dated Edinburgh, 23 June 1713. 1½ *pages*.

June 23. 20. Memorial of John Cormell to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting the case of foreign buckrams. Dated 23 June 1713, at the Sun and Anchor in the borough of Southwark. 1 *page*.

June 23. 21. Comm^{rs} of Trade to Lord ———. Had never been consulted about the chapel furniture in plantations. Dated Whitehall, 23 June 1713. 1 *page*.

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[? About June 23.] 22. Estimates of the charge in the Office of Ordnance for the year 1714. Apparently from 23 June 1713 to 23 June 1714. 2 *pages.*

June 24. 23. " An acco^{t} of all such debts contracted for the extraordinary expence of her Majesty's stables, by Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Esq^{rs}, commiss. appointed to execute the office of Master of her Maj^{ties} horse," and also of sums of money received at the Receipt of the Exchequer, with the balance of the account as it stood on 24 June 1713. 2 *large pages.*

June 24. 24. Report of M^{r} T. Baker to the Earl of Dartmouth. Approves of the particulars proposed by Captain Papelon, to be sent as a present from her Majesty to the Emperor of Morocco. From her Majesty's fixed intentions to return to her former friendship with that prince, great advantages would arise from the shipment of fish from Newfoundland and of other commodities from the American plantations for Portugal, Spain, and Italy, from whence they would return to England with bullion and valuable merchandize, whereas by a war our vessels would fall into the hands of the Sally privateers. A resident of probity with that prince would be highly satisfactory. Had these measures been pursued in a former reign the last destructive war with Algier in 1677 would have been avoided; 157 merchantmen were then taken, and near 4,000 seamen, the greater part of whom died in miserable slavery. The French meanwhile prodigiously advanced their credit and employment of their shipping. Presumed to move his Lordship that " his Embassadour " should be fully released from the confinement he had been under for some months past. Dated 24 June 1713. 3 *pages.*

June 24. 25. " Copy of an Order of Council 24th June 1713, referring to the board an address from the Council & Assembly of S^{t} Xtophers, as also the pet^{n} of M^{r} Duport, praying that the poor inhabitants there may have shares of the French part of that island given them, w^{ch} by the late treaty is to be vested in her Majesty." 4 *pages.*

June 24. 26. Estimate of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, and land forces in Great Britain, with the charge thereof from the 24th of June to the 24th of December 1713, both inclusive. 1 *page.*

June 24. 27. Extraordinary charges relating to the garrison of Annapolis, for the years 1712 and 1713. One of the entries extends to 24 June 1713. 1 *page.*

June 24. 28. " Charles Harrison, Solicitor for her Ma$^{ty's}$ Affairs in the Court of Exchequer, his bill of incidents from the 27th of December 1709 to the 24th June 1713." 2 *pages.*

June 24. 29. An abstract of all the tradesmen's bills due on the account of her Majesty's robes to Midsummer 1713. 1 *page.*

After June 24. 30. Necessaries ordered to be provided by the Great Wardrobe since Midsummer 1713.

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Also an estimate of necessaries provided and to be provided by the Great Wardrobe since Midsummer 1713. 2 *pages.*

[About June 25.] 31. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord [High Treasurer] praying him to recommend to her Majesty that they should be allowed the salary which the Duke of Hamilton, the Master-General of the Ordnance, received before his death.

Minuted:—"25 June 1713. As to the patent fee at the Exchecqr, my Lord may receive the Queen's pleasure thereupon; but as to the other allowance, it is payable out of the public money granted annually by Parlt, & must be saved to the govnment."

Copy of warrant of the year 1703 for a similar allowance. 3 *pages.*

June 25. 32. "An estimate of the debts which were owing to the several heads of expense for her Mats civil government, at or about Midsr 1710." At the foot is:—"Presented by Mr Chancellr Excheqr 25 June 1713. W. Lowndes." 1 *page.*

June 25. 33. Mr Baron Bury to the Lord [High Treasurer] about the reward for apprehending one Robert Mann. Dated 25 June 1713.

Minuted:—"25 June 1713. A wt on the lr̃es patents dormt." 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 26. 34. "Remarks of what charity money Daniel Russe, late Steward of the Commonside of ye Queen's Bench prison, from 26th December 1709 to ye 25th December 1710, received and paid."

The account shows that he had embezzled 64*l.* out of 120*l.*

At the foot is: "Dear sirs, Pray note that ye late Marshall Tho. Broughton, & Russe, late steward, were both dismist on ye 11th Febru. 1712/13; but they were suffered to go away with their prey in their teeth. Very hard, but no manner of punishment. It is very good encouragement for others, &c."

Docquetted:—"Russe, the late stewards accompts for one whole yeare, which is but a small part of ye abuses that are acted in the prisons, besides goals, nor but a small part of the Imbezelments committed by the said Russe in the time of his stewardship, besides what other prior stewards have committed, but no remedy for the poor opprest debt prisoners till redrest in their graves. Just complaints been very heedless and as useless seaven years last past, &c. June 26th 1713." 1 *small page.*

[About June 26.] 35. Memorial of Lieut. Col. Moody to the Lord High Treasurer, as to money required to pay for the clothing of the garrison of Placentia, and further for the provision of beer.

Minuted:—"26 June 1713. Mr Nettmaker has a competent fond to reimburse all he took up, to defray the charge of the stores under his care, wch are valued at 9,000*l.* & upwards, and the forces cannot want clothing wn there is now such considerable stores in those parts. Write to Nettmaker to give credit for so much cloathing as the off-reckonings amt to, if there be occasion." 1½ *pages.*

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June 26. 36. A memorandum of the arrears of the late King's Civil List up to 26 June 1713. 6 *lines*.

June 30. 37. Thomas Gearing to William Lowndes, Esq. As to the arrears due from "the several Inns of Court and Chancery" for the duties on window lights, which those societies refused to pay. Dated 30 June 1713. 1 *page*.

July 1. 38. State of Naval Ordnance Stores at Port Mahon in the care of Mr John Partridge for future service of the fleet. "July ye 1st 1713. O. S."

Also state of ordnance and stores for land service at St Phillip's Castle. Same date. 22 *pages*.

July 1. 39. "Copy of an estimate of the civil list debts on the 24th June 1713, presented to the house by Mr Lowndes 1o July 1713." 1 *page*.

July 2. 40. Letter from the judges in the Court of Justiciary (Scotland), to the Lord High Treasurer. As to the money to be allowed for the circuits. The allowance was not sufficient to keep up a competent degree of splendour. All the officers of court had the same allowances continued to them, but the allowance to the judges was restricted to no less than one half. They were informed that the judges in Ireland were allowed no more by the Queen than 100*l*. each for each circuit made yearly; but by the constitution and immemorial custom of Ireland, as well as of England, they had certain perquisites arising to them from the causes that came to be tried before them, and at most, if not all the places in which they held courts, their charges were borne either in whole or in part by the townships, sheriffs, or others. They and all her Majesty's subjects of that part of Britain were very well satisfied with the customs and constitution by which no such things could take place; nor could the Queen's judges there lawfully receive anything for doing the duty of their office but from her Majesty only. In this it seemed that their constitution was nothing inferior to that of other parts of her Majesty's dominions; but they thought that the allowance for the circuits to the judges in Ireland ought not to be the standard of the allowance to the judges in Scotland. The Irish circuits being held twice in the year, and performed by twelve judges, would cost the Queen much more than the circuits in Scotland, which were held but once in the year, and only by six, or at most by seven judges.

They also complained of the allowance being withdrawn when a judge had to make the circuit without a colleague, for he must make the same journeys, continue at the same places, entertain the same company, &c. It would seem as if the officers of court must advance the money for the circuits out of their own pockets, and only expect to be reimbursed at their return. This seemed a little hard. They (the judges), had been obliged to advance the money to the macers and trumpeters, or they could not have gone. Asked that something might be done effectually to fix a sufficient allowance for the circuits. Dated Edinburgh, 2 July 1713. [Entered in *North Britain Book*, vol. ii., pp. 414 and 415.]

Also a copy of the same, the date being left out. 6 *pages*.

July 2. 41. W. Sloper to ———. My Lord agreed yesterday to a proposal of Mr Brydges for borrowing 40,000*l.* of the bank. The bank agreed to lend the same at 6 per cent., to be repaid out of the first 500,000*l.* Exchequer bills. The Duke of Ormond had announced the pressing necessity there was abroad for the money. Dated 2 July 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

July 2. 42. Report of J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorials of Sir Wm Wyndham and on several papers and memorials brought by Captain Armstrong from Annapolis, representing the distressed condition of the garrison. Not knowing anything as to "the repairs of the garrison" required, could only take notice of the subsistence of the garrison, of which eight months should be immediately sent. Mr Faneuil offered to remit the money at the rate of 150*l.* New England money for every 100*l.* sterling; but neither he nor any other of the merchants would agree to any other condition than to receive their money upon delivery of their bills. The four companies at New York, as well as the other forces in the West Indies, had been allowed the advantage arising by the exchange. Was of opinion that six months' subsistence lately ordered for this garrison should be paid to Mr Francis Lynn, their agent. General Nicholson would be able to say if there was any necessity to continue a company of Indians raised by Major Livingstone by virtue of instructions given by Major-General Hill to Col. Vetch. Dated 2 July 1713. 3½ *pages.*

July 2. 43. Report of the Comrs for Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer as to the distribution of the 60,000*l.* voted for the hospital, out-pensioners, &c. Public notice was given of the payment of the persons who had supplied provisions, &c. They hoped that the establishment might be forthwith signed. Dated Whitehall, 2 July 1713. 2 *pages.*

July 4. 44. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer. His Lordship had recommended to them Mr John Eddowes for suitable employment, in consideration of his services in proposing and forwarding the Act for laying a duty on printed or stained calicoes, &c. Mr Eddowes declined accepting employment upon the salary offered. Dated Excise Office, London, 4 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 4. 45. Lord Ormonde to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Lewis Armand. Advising that his pension should be like that of other lieutenants. Dated Whitehall, 4 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 6. 46. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Wise, Peregrine Browne, and Job Mathews. The Comrs had no objection to Peregrine Browne obtaining an

Act of Parliament whereby a composition for his debt might be accepted. Dated 6 July 1713.

Four other papers connected therewith. 7 *pages.*

July 10. 47. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) on the proposals of Mr Walker, of Dover, and partners for furnishing packet boats between Dover and Calais and Ostend. Giving their reasons for employing Captains Hooper and Jones. Dated 10 July 1713.

Seven other documents connected with the same subject. 10 *pages.*

[? About July 10.] 48. Memorandum about the Transfer Office in Leadenhall Street and as to certain benefit tickets which seemed to have been embezzled.

Minuted:—"10 July 1713. To transfer Mar for a speedy answer." 1 *page.*

July 10. 49. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract of a letter from Col. Kane, Lieut.-Governor at Mahon, representing the necessity of more early remittances and supplies of provisions. Dated Whitehall, 10 July 1713.

Minuted:—"10 July 1713. Send to Mr Brydges an extract of so much as concernes the subsistence, and order him to make a demand."

The extract. 3 *pages.*

July 10. 50. The Postmasters General to Wm Lowndes, Esq., on a representation by the principal gentlemen and traders of the borough of Ripon, who complained of the inconvenience of the foot-post from Boroughbridge. Announcing an alteration to meet their wishes. Dated General Post Office, 10 July 1713.

The representation named, and a letter from Lord Downe and Sir Arthur Kaye, urging that Mr Gowland, the Postmaster of Boroughbridge, should not be removed. 4 *pages.*

July 11. 51. Extract of Major-General Barner's letter to the Duke of Ormonde, dated 11 July 1713, respecting the pay of the two regiments of Holstein in the service of the Queen. (French.) 1 *page.*

July 11. 52. Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. About remittances to be made to Flanders for the troops designed for Ireland, &c. Dated Cockpit, 11 July 1713. 4 *pages, quarto.*

July 14. 53. Copy of a memorial from M. Duport, agent for St Christopher's, relating to the re-settlement of that island. Dated 14 July 1713. (Marked 3.)

He says that it is "supposed the whole lands in both the French quarters consist of about 30,000 acres, whereof 25,000 are good 'manurable lands,' and 5,000 fit only for rearing cattle & provisions," &c. No more than 200 acres of good manurable land should be granted to any single family. The worst sort of land and part of the land near the sea shore, on the leeward side of the island, should be distributed and given gratis to the poorest sort of inhabitants, in sufficient quantity to raise stock and provisions, viz., about 10 acres at most to each family.

Copy of letter from him of 7 Oct. 1712.

Also copy of another memorial on the same subject.

There is further a copy of a memorial from Stephen Duport of London, merchant, in behalf of the Council and Assembly of the island of S^{t} Christopher, on the same subject as the above. (Marked 1.) This was read 21 April 1713. [These may perhaps be enclosures to some later paper.] 11 *pages.*

July 14. 54. J. Burchett to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Applying for a reimbursement of the taxes paid by the clerks of the Admiralty Office, and for his own taxes. Dated Admiralty Office, 14 July 1713.

Minuted :—"6 Aug^{t} 1713. To be done as formerly."

Also a list of the taxes paid. 2 *pages.*

July 15. 55. "Particulars of w^{t} is already subscribed and yet remains to be subscribed to the South Sea Company."

"Copia carried to the Treãry ꝑ M^{r} Knight, July 15th, 1713." 1 *page.*

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July 16. 1. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to Baron Scrope. Enclose the reasons for the removal of M^{r} Hall from the port of Preston Pans. Dated Custom house, Edinburgh, 16 July 1713.

The reasons referred to being articles of mismanagement. 6 *pages,* 3 *lines.*

[About July 16.] 2. List of certain of H.M. ships, men's names and qualities, time of entry and discharge, and their pay.

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July 17. 3. Copy of a letter from the Duke of Ormonde to M^{r} Brydges asking him to direct M^{r} Cartwright to borrow as much as was requisite for clearing the troops ordered from Flanders to Britain and Ireland, to prevent any delay in their embarkation. Dated Whitehall, 17 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 18. 4. Excise, North Britain. Account of bills indorsed by Messrs. Drummond and Nimmo, amounting to 1,640*l.*, sent to the Hon^{ble} Commiss^{rs} of Excise in London, 18 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 18. 5. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord [High Treasurer]. By M^{r} Bridges' letter, a copy of which he enclosed, his L^{p} would see how much the foreign forces were in arrear, and though he mentioned a declaration of discharge, no order had been issued for disbanding the Walloon dragoons and sending home the Holsteiners. He

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adds:—"I am oblig'd to remind your Lop̃ of these troops, which distinguished themselves so much last year by adhering to her Majesty's service, and have lately shown an extraordinary zeal by the share they had in appeasing the late mutinies at Ghendt & Bruges, and if their pay should cease from the term mentioned by Mr Brydges, they would be so far from receiving any encouragement for their fidelity and good service, that their condition would be worse than that of the troops which were so notoriously wanting in their duty." Dated Cockpit, 18 July 1713. 3 *pages, quarto.*

July 18. 6. The same to Mr Harley. Letters had arrived from Major-General Sabine, Mons. Barner, and Mons. Borlé, of which he sent extracts, that Mr Harley might move the Lord High Treasurer thereon. Dated Cockpit, 18 July 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

[About July 18.] 7. "Memorial for the Earl of Leven" to the Queen. There being no fund for procuring intelligence, had, as commander-in-chief of H.M. forces in Scotland, advanced the necessary money. Had, upon the assurance of Lord Godolphin that he should be reimbursed, continued to advance such sums, amounting to upwards of 2,000*l.* Before and after the Union he had a salary of 300*l.*, as master of the Ordnance, but the office was judged unnecessary. Prayed payment of the 2,000*l.*, and 1,500*l.* due to him for five years' allowance generously promised by her Majesty, &c.

"R. July 18, 1713." 1 *page.*

July 22. 8. J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer for a warrant for 230*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* paid by him to the Bank of England for interest of money borrowed on deposits in the year 1711. Dated 22 July [1713 ?]

The account thereof,

Minuted:—"14 Augt 1713. Wt as usuall." 3 *pages.*

July 22. 9. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord [? High Treasurer] on the memorial of Sir George Warburton and Mr Cholmondley, Members of Parliament for Chester, and of the postmasters' several deputies of that county, in relation to the Post Office of Chester. Give some account of the management of the posts in that district. Mr Reynell, their deputy of Chester, having died, and his son John Reynell being fully instructed in the duties, is more capable of managing the same than a stranger; but they have no objection to the appointment of Mr Puleston, an Alderman of Chester, as their deputy, as recommended by the gentlemen. Dated General Post Office, July 22d 1713.

The memorial and the reference of the case to the Postmasters. 4½ *pages.*

July 23. 10. Statement of the debt of the Jewel Office to 24 June 1713, by Robert Sedgwick. Dated Jewel Office, 23 July 1713. ½ *page.*

July 23. 11. J. Brydges to the Lord [High Treasurer] in relation to the pay of the troops of Holstein and "Walef." Dated Pay Office, Whitehall, 23 July 1713. 1 *page.*

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July 23. 12. Petition of Richard Lawrence to the Lord [High Treasurer] for payment of a warrant for 1,314*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* for sundries, furnished for the service of the army and hospital in Portugal, for which he had been twice arrested. Dated London, 23 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 24. 13. Memorial of J. Howe to the Lord High Treasurer. The Bank of England agreed to lend 56,000*l.* a week, upon a deposit of malt tallies, to pay off the outpensioners, if his L^{p} would give his minute to pay the same with interest at 6 per cent. per ann. out of the first 700,000 Exchequer Bills. Dated 24 July 1713.

Minuted :—" Agreed eod. die." 1 *page.*

July 24. 14. Memorial of Conyers Darcy and George Feilding, Esq^{res}., Com^{rs} appointed to execute the office of Master of the Horse, to the Lord High Treasurer. Pray payment of 500*l.* for defraying the charge of 10 mares brought from Holland for her Majesty, &c. Dated 24 July 1713.

Minuted :—" Orderd." 1 *page.*

July 24. 15. Report of the Attorney General to the Lord High Treasurer, on two memorials from the Under and Deputy Governors of the South Sea Company, and one from the Directors, in relation to some defects in the present commission for taking subscriptions. Was of opinion that it would be necessary to have an additional commission. Had prepared a warrant for that purpose for her Majesty's signature. Dated 24 July 1713.

The memorials named. 4 *pages.*

July 13 and 25. 16. Report of the Controllers of the accounts of the Army to the Lord [High Treasurer], on the memorial of M^{r} Brydges as to the case of the wives of the serjeants that were sent to New England, with lieutenants' commissions and upon ensigns' pay. It relates to money paid to them here, which had not been deducted and allowed by their husbands there. Dated Controllers Office, Privy Gardens, 13 July 1713.

A further report on the same subject by Ja. Bruce. Was of opinion that 10*l.* each might be advanced to such of the petitioners as had their husbands' authority to receive the same and to proceed on their voyage to New England. Dated 25 July 1713.

Two letters from the wives, one to Thomas Harley, Esq., the other to the Lord Treasurer.

Minuted :—" 29 July. A lr̃e to M^{r} Brydges to advance 10^{li} to each that goes." 4 *pages.*

July 26. 17. Report of the Com^{rs} of Trade to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the representation of the Postmasters General, relating to a difficulty their officers in New England were under, by the " Act of Assembly pass'd there for the currency of paper bills as specie." Ask that her Majesty will direct Col. Dudley, the Governor of Massachusetts Bay, to transmit the Act for her Majesty's pleasure thereon, &c. Dated Whitehall, 26 July 1713. 2 *pages.*

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[? July 15 or 26.] 18. Extract from a letter from Major General Sabine to H. Watkins, dated at Ghent, 26 July 1713, as to the marching of [the regiment of] Col. Dalwick, and their miserable condition for want of money. 1 *page.*

July 29. 19. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Stewart of Inchbreck. Recommending, in consideration of the strait circumstances of the family, the remission to the petitioner and his wife's three sisters, of "the taxtward, marriage duties, and relief," amounting to 180*l.*, which might in strictness be required from them. The duties, &c., arose out of the lands and barony of Mondynis or Mondyrss [?], comprehending the lands and miln of Kair Shephardhaugh and others, for which M^r David Guthrie of Castletown, the father of petitioner's wife, had in the year 1686 obtained a charter *de novo damus.* Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1713.

The petition and order of reference. 3 *pages.*

Minuted :—" W^t signed."

July 29. 20. Report of the same to the same, as to conveying the lands and barony of Garvock in the parish of Duning and county of Perth, in favour of James Graham the elder in life rent, and James Graham, his son, in fee. Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1713. 1½ *pages.*

July 29. 21. Report of the same to the same on the memorial of the Earl of Breadalbane. The said Earl or the Earl of Glenorchie were chargeable for all "few and blench" duties, due for their lands, &c., for eleven years, at 20*l.* 7*s.* $9\frac{1}{12}$*d.* per annum, amounting to 224*l.* 7*s.* $6\frac{8}{12}$*d.* If her Majesty discharged the Accountant, the most regular way was by a privy seal. Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1713.

The memorial referred to and copy of a warrant and another paper relating thereto.

Minuted :—" Warr^t signd Xb^r 1713." 4½ *pages.*

July 29. 22. Report of the same to the same, on a warrant for granting and conveying the lands and barony of Partoun, lying in the parish of Partoun and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, in favour of William Alves, Writer to the Signet. Dated Edinburgh, 29 July 1713. 1½ *pages.*

[About July 29.] 23. Memoranda docquetted :—" Remains in M^r Holbech hands." [Treasurer of the Chamber's department.] The latest date is 29 July 1713. 1 *page.*

July 30. 24. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits a memorial from the Lords of the Admiralty relating to the marine regiments, and signifies her Majesty's pleasure that his L^p should appoint Com^rs and issue money to clear the non-commissioned officers and effective men of those corps, pursuant to an address of the House of Commons. Dated Whitehall, 30 July 1713.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

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July 30. 25. The Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Would not trouble his Lordship with the applications on behalf of the disbanded officers on half-pay, were it not that the greatest part of them are brought to him out of prisons, where these officers lay for want of money. Asks that directions should be given so that the forms of the Exchequer might be complied with and the officers relieved, and the paymasters reimbursed what they had advanced. Dated Whitehall, 30 July 1713.

Minuted:—"7 August 1713. ½ pay wilbe ordered to the hands of the paymasters of the forces or one of them as soon as Exchr bills come out." 4 *pages.*

July 30. 26. Account of tallies, South Sea stock and money in the hands of the Treasurer for Transports. Also an estimate of the charge of sundry transport services now performing. July 30 1713. 2 *pages.*

July 30. 27. Mr Richard Steele to the Lord High Treasurer. Asked that a new commission of the stamp office might be issued, and his name left out of the patent, or that his surrender might be made in any other way. Dated 30 July 1713. Bloomsbury Square.

Minuted:—"Mr Steel may make a surrendr." 1 *page.*

July 31. 28. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the report of Col. Quary, Surveyor General of the southern continent of America, on the condemnation of a ship seized as a prize in Pennsylvania in an illegal manner, the produce of which was embezzled. Dated 31 July 1713. 2 *pages.*

Jan.— July. 29. Memorials, letters, &c. of Sir W. Wyndham, Secretary-at-war, addressed to the Queen, the Lord High Treasurer and the Secretaries of the Treasury, as to matters arising in his office. [Not thought worthy of individual description.] Dated from January to July 1713.

One of them, however, relates to the pay of a company of fourscore men formerly in Newfoundland, who were taken prisoners and carried into France. 16 *papers and inclosures.*

August 1. 30. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Asks his Lordship to settle a fitting allowance on Mr William Taverner, appointed to go to Newfoundland as surveyor of the coasts of that island and of the isles adjacent, yielded up by the late treaty with France. Dated Whitehall, 1 Aug. 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 22 and August 2. 31. Extracts from two letters of Mr Theop[hilus] Blyke to Mr Brydges, respecting stores taken out of her Majesty's magazines, under the care of the former, for the service of the Principality of Catalonia. Dated 2 and 13 Aug. 1713, N.S., *i.e.*, 22 July and 2 Aug.

Also a list of the same stores.

The first states that "This capitale hath refused to accept their part, in the terms stipulated, for the evacuation of the principality; adhering with an inimitable constancy to the prince they recogniz'd for sovereign, when reduced by the arms of the allies & at their instance to receive him as such, they have taken a vigorous resolution to maintain the title of that prince, as judging their rights & libertys cannot, will not subsist under the dominion of any prince of the line of Bourbon." 3½ *pages.*

August 4. 32. Certificate signed J. Dawson, about the date of the patent for the Duke of Ormond's pension of 5,000*l.* per ann. Dated 4 Aug. 1713. 6 *lines.*

[? About August 5.] 33. Petition of William Taverner to the Lord High Treasurer. Was brought up to trade and fishery in Newfoundland, and was a great sufferer by the French incursions on the English settlements there; since which was employed by merchants of London to make an experiment on fisheries on the coast of Scotland. Was appointed on 21 July last, at a salary of 20*s.* a day, her Majesty's surveyor of Newfoundland, more particularly on the coast and islands adjacent, where the French usually fished. Had been called before the Lords of Trade to give information as to the fisheries of Scotland and Newfoundland. Asked how he was to proceed to Newfoundland, for his salary to be put on some certain establishment, and for payment of what was due.

Copies of his appointment and instructions.

Minuted:—"5th Aug^{t} 1713. My Lord Bolinbroke is acquainted by my Lord Treãrer's order that y^{e} Civil list is already charged wth the paym^{t} of 4^{l} ꝑ diem to Gen^{l} Nicholson, who was then on his voyage to those parts, wth very large & extensive comissions from her Ma^{ty}. And his Lord^{p} was of opinion that he would be capable of executing whatever instructions it might be necessary to give a survey^{r} without bringing any new expence on her Ma^{ty} for performing that office."

Again:—"18 Mar. 1713/14. There is nothing alledged to induce M. L. to alter his opinion." 2 *large pages.*

Aug. 5. 34. T. Harley to Lord Bolingbrook, giving him the information contained in the above minute. Dated 5 Aug. 1713. (Copy.) 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 6. 35. Harry Goring to the Lord High Treasurer. Asked that directions might be given for payment of five months' subsistence to his regiment (3,649*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*), and 2,428*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.*, to pay off supernumeraries and invalids. He would endeavour immediately to embark for Ireland. [Her Majesty had discharged Col. Churchill's and his (Goring's) regiment from being marine regiments, and had constituted them regiments of foot]. Dated 6 Aug. 1713.

Copy of the sign manual for the above alteration. 3 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 6.] 36. Report of Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer on the report of M^{r} Bythell, deputy to the late Auditor Maynwaring, relating to the account of the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., Paymaster of the Forces abroad. The account and all other accounts depending in the office, not signed by the late Auditor, ought to be examined and signed by the present auditor.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The report which was referred to the above auditor to report on, 6 Aug. 1713. 2 *pages.*

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About Aug. 7. 37. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of travelling charges, &c. due to servants of the chamber attending her Majesty in her progress to Windsor. Signed J. Holbech.

Minuted:—"7th Aug. 1713. The travell^{g} charges & a qu^{r} for y^{e} poor of the gate orderd."

Also lists of travelling charges and of the servants with their wages and a memorandum. 6 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Aug. 7. 38. Copy of letter from Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. His L^{p} knew very well that the first orders to M^{r} Nicholson had been revoked by the Queen, and that he was to make the best of his way to the continent, instead of touching at Newfoundland; so that he could not perform what M^{r} Taverner was set to execute. Besides which, his L^{p} might remember that when he (Lord Bolingbroke) prepared the commission and instructions for "this M^{r} Taverner," it was by his L^{p}'^{s} directions that he (Lord Bolinbroke) went out of his province, and that his letter of 1 Aug. was only the form of doing what had been previously settled with his L^{p}'^{s} approbation. M^{r} Harley must either have mistaken his L^{p}'^{s} commands, or have sent him (Lord Bolinbroke) his own. Would not be accessory in bringing any new expense on her Majesty. Dated Whitehall, 7 Aug. 1713. 1 *page.*

Aug. 7 & 10. 39. Instructions for Sir Stafford Fairborne, Kn^{t}, Sir William Gifford, Kn^{t}, and Samuel Hunter, Esq^{re}, appointed commissioners for making up the accounts, and for disbanding the marine regiments. Given at Hampton Court, 7 Aug. 1713.

Copy of the letters patent appointing them. Dated 10 Aug. 1713. 5 *pages* 2 *halves.*

Aug. 10. 40. Abstract of the charge of half-pay to the disbanded officers, according to the certificates hitherto issued by the Secretary-at-War. Dated 10 Aug. 1713.

Also letter of M^{r} Sam^{l} Lynn to Thomas Harley, Esq., on the subject of a list of half pay officers. Same date. 5 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 10.] 41. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer of the Field and other officers of the Artillery, that had served in Flanders, Spain, Portugal, and other expeditions during the war. Enclosed copy of a petition they had laid before her Majesty. The Lieut. General of Ordnance was indisposed, and the petitioners all busy at Woolwich, in preparing the late fireworks against "the general thanksgiving for her Ma^{ty}'^{s} peace," so that they could not attend the House of Commons when provision was made for other officers; praying for consideration for their half pay.

Minuted:—"10 Aug^{t} 1713. To ordnance." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Aug. 10.] 42. Petition of John Richmond Webb, Esq^{re}, Governor of the Isle of Wight, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying repayment of 256*l.* 16*s.* 2½*d.* surplus on his account.

Minuted:—"10 Aug^{t} 1713. A w^{t} as usuall." 1 *page.*

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Aug. 11 and 12. 43. Observations made pursuant to the order of the Com^rs of Customs of 22 July 1713, on the demands made by John Burgh, Esq., executor of Michael Wicks, late receiver in London; together with a general view of the accounts of the latter. Signed, "Rob^t Paul ꝑ Comp^r Gen^l." Dated Custom House, London, 11 Aug. 1713.

Also the representation and proposal of John Burgh, Esq., to the Com^rs of Customs, and a further proposal. Dated 12 Aug. 1713. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

Aug. 11. 44. Lord Dartmouth to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits an extract of a letter from M^r Stanwix, as to the difficulties and dangers of the garrison of Gibraltar for want of a better supply of provisions. Dated Whitehall, 11 Aug. 1713.

The extract referred to. 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 15. 45. Two reports of the Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, as to money in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ordnance for purchasing lands for the fortifications for the security of the docks at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, and other particulars as to the survey, damages to owners, &c. Dated Office of Ordnance, 15 Aug. 1713.

Also an account of the tallies struck intended for payment of the lands. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 46. A list of licences for compositions from the 20th February 1711 to the 2^d of July 1713 inclusive. Showing the names, fines rated, and sums paid into the Exchequer. Finishing, "If therefore his Lords^p will please to give me his direction as well for the recovery of what is standing out, as what may hereafter become due on compositions & fines in her Maj^ties Court of Exchequer, I have reason to believe it will be very much for the service of the revenue. 15 August 1713. Cha. Harison." 4 *large pages.*

Aug. 15. 47. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland on the petition of Kean O'Hara, Esq^re, wherein he claims a right to the ground on which the Custom House of Dublin stands. They have heard the petitioner by counsel and examined the evidences, and now send a true state of the case. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 15 Aug. 1713.

The petition.

Copy of the case, which shows that the mayor, sheriffs, commons, and citizens of Dublin, were seized of the thatched house and appurtenances, and the waste ground near the east and north walls of the city, as set forth in the petition, long before the reign of King James I., by grants and confirmations of King Henry II., John, Henry III., and several other kings. In 1605 a lease of a messuage and ground, parcel of the above, was granted to Jacob Newman for 118 years. In 1608 King James I. granted the messuage and lands mentioned in O'Hara's petition to James Hamilton, Esq., notwithstanding the same was already granted to the said mayor and sheriffs, and by them demised to Jacob Newman. In 1620 King

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James I. having occasion to build a Custom House, Jacob Newman demised to the King certain land therein specified for 90 years. The mayor and sheriffs in 1639 granted the new custom house, called the New Crane, and a plot of land, being part of the premises granted to Newman in 1605, and part of what O'Hara claimed. The case describes other subsequent transactions as regards these lands, which were on the banks of the Liffey, and finishes:—"And the s^{d} Jacob Newman, or any deriving under him, never as we can find, insisted on any title to the said ground, or any part thereof, under the said patent of King James the First, till now that the same is pretended to by M^{r} O'Hara, but always made their title thereto under the said lease in 1605 from the city." Signed, "Ri. Levinge and Fra. Bernard."

Also their separate opinions on the case. 11½ *pages.*

Aug. 17. 48. Report of the Postmasters General to the Lord High Treasurer, on an information against John Reynell of Chester, who on the decease of his father had the management of the bye letters of the several stages throughout the grand Chester Road. They had acquainted him that a person under such a character as he was represented to be, was not fit to be entrusted with any employ under them. He, however, declared the information to be altogether malicious, and that the person who had given the information was guilty of perjury. Dated 17 Aug. 1713.

Minuted:—"19 Aug^{t} 1713. To postma^{rs} ab^{t} employing Puleston in the cross post."

Copy of their previous report of 22 July, and the affidavit of Jonathan Pickering, charging "Reynolls" with saying "that if her present Ma^{ty} did not punctually perform the oath she took at her coronation, he, the said Reynolls, would be the first that would take up arms against her, to dethrone her." 5 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 49. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for making up the accounts and disbanding the Marine regiments, to the Lord High Treasurer; praying that Sir Roger Mostyn, or his deputy, might have orders to issue such money as would be required to defray their expenses in the execution of their commission. Dated 17 Aug. 1713.

Minuted:—" $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text{3}^{li}\text{ each comm}^{r}\\ \text{1. to y}^{e}\text{ secr̃y}\end{array}\right\}$ for all ch^{a} w^{t}'soever."

On the back is a warrant to pay the Com^{rs} 40*s.* a day. Unsigned and undated. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 26. 50. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, on the "memorial and certificate in favour of M^{r} Catesby Oadham against M^{r} Brattell." Saw no reason to alter the opinion certified in their former report. Dated Mint Office, 26 Aug. 1713. 1 *page.*

Aug. 26. 51. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the annual charge of the office of Inspector General of the imports and exports, and as to how far he had brought up his books. Dated 26 Aug. 1713.

Letter and memorial of Charles Davenant, the Inspector General. 6 *pages.*

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Aug. 27. 52. Robert Skene to the Rt. Hon. Baron Scrope. Asking that her Majesty's bounty might be bestowed on him, to which he thought himself entitled as much as any others, having done his duty as early as they in praying for her Majesty upon her accession to the throne, and in subscribing two dutiful addresses; besides which he served the cure at one of her Majesty's churches, to which he was presented by King Charles II., in the year 1678. The small thing he had when he was turned out of his living, with eight motherless children, in the year 1689, was soon spent in the years of dearth, and his share in the contributions of well-disposed people came vastly short of supporting him and his children. Dated Edr, August 27, 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

Aug. 29. 53. "Trustees' accot relating to the 180,000li lent by the Marq Sauli for ye concern'd in ye 2 Genoese ships seized by ye Lord Forbes." The account is brought down to Aug. 29.

Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1713. An accot of these demands to be sent to Viceti. [Viceti was one of the Trustees.] A lre wri." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 29. 54. Report of Mr Wm Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Salkeld, clerk. Found that the lands in the island of St Christopher mentioned were part of the island acquired by her Majesty's arms from the French during the late war, and remaining to her by the late treaty; so that her Majesty might dispose of them as she saw fit. A survey should be made, and if her Majesty disposed of the lands to the present possessors, the petitioner might, in preference to any other, deserve the grant desired. Dated 29 Aug. 1713.

The petition referred to. Petitioner had a grant of a plantation of about 100 acres, which was confirmed in 1707 for three years, if the war with France continued so long.

Also copy of the Royal grant of 1707. 4 *pages.*

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Sept. 3. 1. Report of the Attorney General [Northey] to the Lord High Treasurer on the affidavit of Jonathan Pickering [previously noticed, Vol. CLXIII., 48]. Was of opinion that the words were highly criminal, but that no great regard was to be had to the information, the informant not having given any account thereof for above a year after the words were pretended to have been spoken. It might be proper to inquire as to the common conversation of John Reynolls, the person accused. Dated 3 Sept. 1713.

The affidavit referred to. 2 *pages.*

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Sept. 3. 2. Comrs of Victualling to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose a copy of a letter from Mr Alonso Vere, their agent at Gibraltar, giving an account of the want of provisions for the garrison there, to be laid before his Lordship. They had received no orders from the Lords of the Admiralty as to the acceptance of bills for victualling, drawn by the agent, amounting to 14,000*l.*, and they remained unaccepted. Dated Victualling Office, 3 Sept. 1713.

The copy named, in which the agent says, "The Spaniards having blockt us up, and that nothing should come to us (besides very strict guards) have broke all the ovens within four miles of us, and have obliged the inhabitants in the near places to retire back to St Rocha, a place about five miles from this place, where they keep their main guard, has forced our Governour to visit every house in towns, and where any provisions are found sends them to this storehouse," &c.

Minuted:—"Read 8 Sept. 1713. Her Maty has given direccōns in this matter." 6 *pages*.

Aug. 20 and Sept. 3. 3. Two letters from Francis Lynn to Mr Tilson on minor matters connected with their carrying out the commission [for disbanding the marine regiments]. Dated 20 Aug. and 3 Sept. 1713. 2 *pages, quarto*.

Sept. 4. 4. Mr A. Vere, Agent Victualler at Gibraltar, to the Comrs for Victualling, relating to the supply of that garrison, more particularly as to a cargo of provisions out of a ship called the "St Marke." Dated Gibraltar, Victualling Office, 4 Sept. 1713. 5½ *pages*.

Sept. 5. 5. "An accot of her Matie's prize duties from the plantations in America from the 14th of March 1712 excl. to 5 Sept. 1713 incl." *A few lines*.

Sept. 5. 6. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (Medows and Bruce), to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the allowance of 2,032*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* to the six battalions which marched into Dunkirk from Flanders. Dated Controllers' Office, Privy Gardens, 5 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"8 7br. 1713. To D. Ormond. Mr Sloper acquaints my Lord, that the Duke of Ormond agrees this sum may be made part of the contingencies so ordered out of South Sea Stock." 1 *page*.

Sept. 9. 7. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition and case of the merchants of London trading to Virginia and Maryland, relating to their tobacco "which had lain a considerable time in the River Thames un-entered in hopes of being relieved by Parliament," as to the entry thereof now refused by the officers, unless the customs be paid down. Dated 9 Sept. 1713.

The petition and case and a clause of an Act relating to tobacco.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Oct. 1713. Comrs Customes to attend next Wednesday & come prepared to give my Lord their opinion what method may be used for the ease of the petrs, till it can be seen what reliefe will be given them by the Parlt."

"21th Oct. The Comrs to speake with the merchants." 4¼ *pages.*

Sept. 9. 8. Report of Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer on the case of the merchants concerned in the bills drawn by Col. Dudley, Governor of New England, for the expedition to Canada, amounting to 4,499*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* Advises that they should be put on the same foot as the proprietors of other New England and New York bills relating to the expedition to Canada, viz., by paying them two-thirds of their bills, &c. Dated 9 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"5 July 1714. Copys of this to the ordnance, navy, and victualling."

Again:—"31st Dec. 1717. The bills are paid." 3 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 9.] 9. Petition to the Lord High Treasurer of sundry proprietors of army and transport debentures, subscribed and to be subscribed to the capital stock of the South Sea Company, praying that directions and authority might be given for computing the full interest due to them on their debentures, according to the Act and decree; in order that they might have credit for the same in the capital stock of the company, and might have their just share of all dividends that had been made or might arise. (Many signatures.)

Minuted:—"9th 7ber 1713. Read: my lord is of opinion that this ought to have had the determinacōn of parlt." 1 *very large page.*

Sept. 12. 10. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the French Ambassador, relating to a bark called the St Peter, of Calais, seized by the officers of Customs. Were of opinion that the vessel and cargo were forfeited. Dated 12 7br. 1713.

The report of their solicitor (Mr Robert Stephens) thereon, and four other papers. 7½ *pages.*

Sept. 12. 11. Similar report from the same on another memorial of the French Ambassador complaining of the ill-treatment of two French vessels, one at Bridlington and the other at Dover, and proposing several regulations to prevent any abuses of the same nature for the future. [They were both of them cases of running brandy.] The Comrs enclose the report of their solicitor on the proposed regulations and the Ambassador's memorial. They complain greatly of the running of brandy in small casks, the vessels being pretended to be bound for Norway and other parts. Dated 12 Sept. 1713. 10½ *pages.*

Sept. 12. 12. J. Brydges to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Transmits the extracts of two letters received from Mr Blyke, commissary of stores of the army late in Catalonia, and a certificate of the deputy secretary of the General of that principality, signifying to Mr Blyke the resolution of the Lords Deputies for the delivery by him to their commissary of all her Majesty's equipage and stores of war in

Barcelona, with a particular account of her Majesty's magazines under the care of Mr Blyke. Dated Whitehall, 12 Sept. 1713.

The papers referred to. 6 *pages.*

Sept. 14. 13. "A state of the debt in the office of her Matie's works at Windsor Castle, including parks and gardens." Signed Chr. Wren and John Ball. Dated Office of Works at Windsor, 14 Sept. 1713. 1 *page.*

Sept. 15. 14. Report of the Comrs of Customs (Scotland) to the Lord High Treasurer as to setting up packet boats between Port Patrick and Donaghadee, for carrying on a correspondence between North Britain and Ireland. They thought it would tend to the service of the revenue, provided the precautions, which they named, were taken. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 15 Sept. 1713.

Minuted :—"21th Octr 1713. To Postmars. A lrẽ writ." 1 *page.*

Sept. 15. 15. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Duke of Ormonde) to the Lord High Treasurer. Was of opinion that Captain George Carlton deserved to be restored to his half-pay of 3*s.* a day in Ireland. Dated London, 15 Sept. 1713.

The report of the Lords Justices and copy of royal warrant on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 16. Report of the same to the same. Was of opinion that the clothing contracts should be made good by the government, the fund having fallen short by the reduction of the regiments. Dated London, 15 Sept. 1713.

Certificate of what was due to the several regiments. Signed "John Pratt, Dep. Rec. Genl." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 15. 17. Similar report on the petition of Charles Bourchier, Esq. 1,500*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* was due, and for the credit of government should be paid by her Majesty's warrant to Charles Bourchier, Esq., for clothing Col. Morris's regiment of dragoons. Dated Whitehall, 15 Sept. 1713.

The petition, report of the Lords Justices, and four other documents. 7 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 18. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial of the Duke D'Aumont, the French Ambassador, as to the seizure of a vessel for running brandy, &c. Their solicitor was of opinion that English coin, if the master could prove it to have been brought out of France, was not liable to forfeiture; but if returned to the master, and exported by him, would be liable to seizure. Dated 18 Sept. 1713.

Also translation of the Duke D'Aumont's memorial. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 19. Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits a list of officers of dragoon regiments ordered to be disbanded, for a warrant to be issued to place them on half-pay. Dated London, 18 September 1713.

Minuted :—"Wt sign'd, Xber 1713."

The list is not with it. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 18. 20. Com^rs^ of Customs (Scotland) to Thomas Harley, Esq. Send a list of officers who served by virtue of her Majesty's proclamation from 1 May 1707 to August following; together with their salaries due to that time, and the balances due to the crown. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 18 Sept. 1713.

The list is not now with it. 1 *page.*

Sept. 18. 21. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on two memorials of the Duke d'Aumont, the one concerning a French ship seized by the officers of customs at Padstow, the other concerning another French ship seized at Rye on suspicion of fraudulent trade. Dated 18 Sept. 1713.

The memorials and two other letters relating thereto. 10 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Sept. 18. 22. The Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty's warrant for placing the disbanded regiments of the Irish army on the establishment of half pay, had excepted the surgeons of the regiments as capable of maintaining themselves by their profession. The Surgeon-General of Ireland had offered divers reasons for the admission of them to the allowance of half pay. The Lords Justices had also represented their case. The Duke also draws attention to the minors who were superseded with a signification that they should receive half pay. Dated Whitehall, 18 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—" W^t^ signed Xber 1713."

The Lords Justices' report. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 23. The Same to the Same. When at Windsor his Lordship had given the Duke hopes that orders should be given for the immediate relief of the Irish officers; but the greatest part of them remained in prison for debt, and the others really deserved compassion. Prayed that the bounty intended for them might be issued whilst it would give them some relief. Dated Whitehall, 18 Sept. 1713.

" R. 18 Sept^r^ 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 22. 24. The Same to the Same. Fresh application had been made from the foreign forces in her Majesty's services in Flanders for their ordinary pay and winter forage. Desired to know the Queen's pleasure as to their future disposal. Dated Cockpit, 22 Sept. 1713.

" R. 22 Sept^r^ 1713." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 22. 25. E. Caldwell to the Lord High Treasurer. By M^rs^ Jones's letter his L^p^ will see how assiduous she has been, and at what expense to render it easy to the Queen to relieve her (M^rs^ Caldwell) and " this poor lady " (M^rs^ Jones) and her numerous family. An estate of about 1,000*l.* per ann. detained from the crown has been discovered. Prays that she may be put on the Irish establishment for 100*l.* per ann. for life in reward of her services. There is an overplus of 500*l.* per ann. Suggests that the Earl of Granard (one of the worthiest men on earth and under the greatest difficulties) shall be put on the establishment for that amount. The Duke of

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Shrewsbury as well as the Duke of Ormonde has promised to recommend these cases. Dated Windsor, 22 Sept. 1713.

Mrs E. Jones's letter.

[The estate in question was forfeited by Sir Wm Kennedy, the brother of Mrs E. Jones.] 4 *pages, quarto.*

Sept. 24. 26. Mrs E. Jones to "my Lord" on the same subject. Says she is entitled to the fourth part of the estate, but by the assistance of Mrs Caldwell alone has she made a regular discovery of the forfeiture. It is but for one life. Begs his Lp to intercede with her Majesty. Dated 24 Sept. 1713.

An affidavit and rent roll of the estate and lands of Mount Kennedy alias Ballygarney in the counties of Wicklow and Dublin. 6 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 27. Petition of Thomas Jenkins, searcher of customs in the port of Chichester, to the Comrs of Customs. Praying for the continuance of an allowance of 20*l.* per ann. by way of incidents and a share of sums recovered by him.

Followed by lists of money recovered, &c. Dated Custom House, London, 24 Sept. 1713. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 28. Report of the Comrs for Taxes to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Redshaw, praying a reimbursement of charges he had been at in making a discovery of corrupt practices and in charging and collecting the duty on houses in the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and also asking for employment. The Comrs and assessors had taken upon them to charge the duties not according to the number of lights, but by a proportion by them called a "purvey," whereby her Majesty had been much defrauded. And under pretence of these acts they had levied money on the subjects, which had not been paid to the Crown. Mr How, an officer, received from the counties about 50*l.* per ann. civility money. The method had been to raise what money they thought fit, to pay what they pleased to the Crown, and divide the rest between the receiver and his deputies and the collectors. Conceived that it would be impossible for the surveyors to get the duties otherwise charged than by a purvey, according to their usual method, (altho' contrary to law) unless some notice were taken of the persons that had been concerned in what was past. Mr How and Mr Redman, surveyors of houses, had received civility money, and two others had been appointed in their places. They conceived that the justices who signed the duplicate, the receiver's officers and the collectors had subjected themselves to prosecution. They did not see that the petitioner could have been at any considerable expense, but advised that a reward of 60*l.* should be given to him. They could not, however, recommend that he should be employed. Dated 24 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"3 Oct. 1713. The reward agreed to, the Commrs to advise with Counsell."

The petition and an account of the places surveyed. 3 *pages.*

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Sept. 24. 29. "Renounciation & release of a pension or annuity by Daniel Campbell 1713." Dated 24 Sept. 1713.

Also a copy of the letter of gift of the same pension.

"Dđ into y^e Trer̃y by M^r Norris 3 Octob^r 1713." 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 30. J. Hawler for the Lords of the Admiralty, to John Taylor, Esq., about money for the support of the slaves released from the Venetian galleys. Their L^{ps} were of opinion that they (the slaves) should be allowed by Consul Cole a "royal plate" a day each, to subsist them while in the Lazaretto, and a penny a mile conduct money, to enable them to travel to the place where they were to embark for Great Britain. Dated Adm[iralty] Office, 25 Sept. 1713. 1 *page.*

"R. 26 Sep^r 1713."

Sept. 25. 31. The Same to the Same. Has laid the list before the Com^{rs} of the Admiralty who have sent the papers to the Navy Board to give directions thereon. Same date. 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 25. 32. Memorial of Col. Goring to the Lord High Treasurer. Immediately after an order was made for 2,428*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.* for the service of the Invalids, he cleared off about 100 of them at Plymouth. Had composed his regiment (but for want of money could not reduce them) so as to consist of 10 companies and 36 privates; but could not induce them to embark for Ireland, where they were expected, unless paid their arrears. Prayed his L^p to order 13,000*l.* upon account, being but a small part of what was due. When this was paid the commissioned officers would still be four years and three quarters in arrear of clearings, &c. Asked for consideration also for money borrowed for his men. Dated 25 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"8 Octobr. 1713. To Adm^{ty} order 14,000^{li} upon acco^t."

Also two states of the account of Col. Goring's regiment. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 27. 33. Sir W^m Gifford and M^r Hunter to the Secretaries of the Treasury detailing their difficulties in paying off and disbanding the regiment of marines commanded by Brigadier Borr at Southampton. The officers seemed satisfied with what was done, but if not, the townspeople were. If they met not with more despatch at Chichester, it must be imputed to the officers. They had paid away 10,000*l.* for the above regiment, and that of L^t Gen^l Holt would very much exceed that. Asked that 20,000*l.* more might be issued, as they had but 8,000*l.* left of the first 20,000*l.* Dated Chichester, Sept. 27, 1713. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 29. 34. Four financial papers, viz.:—

"A scheme of the application of the supply granted to her Majesty for the service of the publique in the year 1713." Dated 29 Sept. 1713.

"A state of the fund for the 2 mill. Adventure, anno 1711 to Mich^s 1713."

Net produce of the civil list funds in the years ended at Mich. 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713. (Two papers.) 4 *large pages.*

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Sept. 29. 35. Francis Gwyn to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Transmits extracts of letters to M^{r} Brydges from M^{r} Blyke, Commissary of the Stores of War, late in Catalonia, and other papers. Dated Whitehall, 29 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"29 7^{br} 1713. Extract the orders made here relating to these stores." 1 *page, quarto.*

Sept. 30. 36. J. Burchett, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Transmits an abstract of a letter from the Com^{rs} for disbanding and paying the marine regiments, and a copy of the memorial of "Capt. W^{m} Morgan's agent to Lieut. General Holt's regiment at Chichester," then disbanding, for directions to be given by the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Admiralty Office, 30 Sept. 1713.

Minuted:—"2 Oct. 1713. The Comm^{rs} proceed to disband."

The papers referred to. 3 *pages* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 30. 37. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the bills of works done at H.M. stables at Charing Cross, and at S^{t} James's, Somerset House, Hampton Court, and Kensington, from Sept. 1709 to Jan. 1711–12. Dated 30 Sept. 1713. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 30. 38. Draft of a privy seal relating to the passing of accounts in Scotland, with this article at the foot:—"We approve of this draft, the same being adapted to pass the privy seal of Scotland. Edw. Northey, Rob. Raymond. 7^{ber} 30, 1713."

Minuted:—"Windsor, Dec. 14, 1713. Read to her Ma^{ty} wth M^{r} Att. & Sol^{r} approbation, & the warrant respect^{g} to it signd."

With this is a report by the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer, on the report of the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland touching matters to be passed under the privy seal in Scotland. They were of opinion that such privy seals might pass the seal for Scotland as might pass the privy seal of England; and they agreed with the report that gifts of non-entry duties or other casualties arising from her Majesty's property, &c. might be passed under the privy seal of Scotland; but they could not advise the giving of the general dormant privy seal to the Court of Exchequer in Scotland for passing future accounts.

They had no objection to her Majesty granting her warrant for passing the account of M^{r} Allardes, late master and worker of the mint at Edinburgh, under the privy seal of Scotland. Dated 29 August 1713.

The report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland, and three papers relating to Mr. Allardes' affairs. 20 *pages or parts of pages.*

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Oct. 1. 1. Francis Gwyn to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends report concerning the commencement of the half-pay to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Whitehall, 1 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"Extract & reports transmitted to Secr̃y at Warre with Lord Treãrer's direccõns thereupon." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 3. 2. The Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Complaint was made of the arrear due to the troops of Holstein and the Walloon dragoons, commanded by the Baron de Borlé. They were only to be paid to the 24th of August. Hoped his L^{p} would consider how short this came of answering the treaties and conventions made for these troops, as likewise what the consequence might be if they expressed their dissatisfaction in the same manner that some of her Majesty's own troops lately did. Was the more pressing because his L^{p} knew he was employed to give them assurance of all the encouragement their adherence to her Majesty's interest deserved. Dated Whitehall, 3 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"3 Oct. 1713. Write to M^{r} Watkins." 3 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 3. 3. Fr. Columbine to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Asks on behalf of the officers of Rook's, Price's, and Lord Slane's regiments, that they should be paid off till the 28th of Jan. 17$\frac{12}{13}$, to which time the regiments were mustered. Dated 3 Oct. 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 3. 4. Robert Knight to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The payment of their Michaelmas quarter out of hand would be more than ordinarily serviceable, as it would be very easy to make their bonds better than money, being then at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount. If his (Knight's) proposal did not take effect, it would necessitate them to stop the Christmas dividend, or, what was worse, make them dependants on the Bank. The appointment of Com^{rs} and Receivers of the Lottery, and an allowance of 6*l.* per cent. for money paid before the time, would be a security against any attempt to prevent it filling. Should five or six enterprising persons agree to sell 1,000 tickets each, it might fall them to par, or under, tho' they were then at 10*s.* per ticket advance. Dated South Sea House, 3 Oct. 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 5. 5. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer as to a complaint made by the East India Company concerning a ship called the "Delicia," which they apprehended was going to Madagascar. Dated Windsor, 5 Oct. 1713. [*Portion torn from the foot.*]

On the docquet the ship is said to have been fitting out on account of the private trade to India.

Also a letter from him to the Attorney General on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 7. 6. Henry Watkins to Mr Tilson as to the demands of Mons. Walef and his expectation of a pension. Dated Whitehall, 7 Oct. 1713.

Accompanied by another letter from the same to the same. The Duke of Ormonde was of opinion that the Baron Walef's necessities were urgent enough, but could not judge what was reasonable. The Baron had, upon the separation of the Queen's troops from those of the allies, resigned his regiment to his son, the Baron de Borlé. Mons. Walef had so far irritated the States General by his adherence to her Majesty's service that he could not safely return to his own country. His Grace thought he well deserved recompense. Dated 6 Oct. 1713. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 7. J. Burchett to John Taylour, Esq., respecting the appointment of a ship's carpenter, solicited from the Lord High Treasurer by Sir Samuel Ongley, for Richard Ward. Dated Admiralty Office, 7 Oct. 1713. 1 *page.*

Oct. 8. 8. Report of Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of the Lord Mark Kerr on behalf of himself and officers of his regiment, who were reduced at Gibraltar on 22 Feb. last, and ordered home to proceed to Ireland. How they were to be paid in the interim could not propose, unless in the next session of parliament. Dated Whitehall, 8 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"Read 13th Oct. 1713. There being no provision as yet made for these officers by parliament, my Lord doth not see how he can remedy the hardships complained of." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 9. 9. Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lord High Treasurer. Desires an order for 110*l.* to be paid to John Inglis, Esq., marshall of the ceremonies, as a present from her Majesty to the Venetian Ambassador's secretary. Dated Cockpit, 9 Oct. 1713. 1 *page.*

Oct. 9. 10. An application from Edwd Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer for 30 loads of timber to repair the fences of the New Forest, which might be included in the warrant for 40 tons for the Duke of Beaufort. Dated 9 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"Oct. 15, 1713. Ordered accordingly. Wt signed." 11 *lines.*

Oct. 13. 11. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of George French and Richard Oglethorpe, gentlemen, who had come over from the West Indies (Antigua) to give evidence against Mackinnen, Watkins, and Smith, indicted for high treason, committed when Col. Parke was murdered, also against Kirby indicted for the same. Was of opinion they should have subsistence allowed whilst so detained and their travelling charges. Dated 13 Oct. 1713.

The petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"Read 14 Oct. 1713. Send to Mr Borret to know whether the Queen ordered these men to come." 3 *pages and 2 halves.*

Oct. 13. 12. Francis Gwyn to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends a letter received by the Duke of Argyle from Col. Kane at Port

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Mahon relating to the forces in the island of Minorca. P.S.—Also sends an account of stores remaining in M^{r} Medlycot's custody at Lisbon.

It is *docquetted* and *minuted* thus:—"13th Oct. 1713. From Sec^{ry} at War with extracts of y^{e} severall peticõns & rep^{ts} thereupon of y^{e} Irish Roman Catholick officers, &c. A state thereof to be laid before the Q. in Councill for Her Ma$^{t's}$ determinacõn thereupon. Read. Ret̃ the lr̃e & desire y^{e} Sec^{ry} at War to transmit a copy of it to a Sec^{ry} of State to be laid before the Q. in Councill for such orders on ye sev̑ll particulars as shall be thought proper." 1 *page.*

Oct. 13. 13. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Asking him to intercede with her Majesty for a remission of a year's taxes on the salaries of the Officers of Ordnance. Dated Office of Ordnance, 13 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"13th Oct. 1713. Prepare the usuall lr̃e. Lr̃e signed." 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Oct. 13.] 14. "An account of half-pay for military officers and chaplain that have served in the trains of artillery of Flanders, Spain, and on several expeditions, and of what allowances they have on the establishments in the Office of Ordnance, and what will be required to complete their half-pay for the Flanders' train and for officers on several expeditions from the 23d of June 1713 to the 31st of December next inclusive, and for the Spanish train from the 30th of September to the 31st of December 1713."

Minuted:—"Read 13th Oct. 1713. 902^{li} 5^{s} 6½ orderd out of the m^{o} in y^{e} Exchq^{r} not pticul^{rly} appropriated 'till it be seen whether y^{e} parlt will make provision for them."

"Lr̃e signed." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 14. 15. Report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of Thomas Lewis, Elizabeth Jurdan, and others, in behalf of themselves and friends, belonging to the independent company at Newfoundland, under the command of Captain Moody, complaining of the Captain and M^{r} Thurston, the agent, for not accounting for 1,000*l.* issued for the service of the company. Explaining the state of the account. Dated 14 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"Read 15th Oct. 1713. The pet^{rs} to have a copy of this report."

There is also a copy of the warrant referred to in the report. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 14. 16. Thomas Herbert to William Lowndes, Esq. Encloses certificates as to his salary and pension, and memorandum as to his "assignments." [He was clockmaker to his late Majesty King William.] Dated 14 Oct. 1713. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 17. Memorial of Thomas Moore, Esq., Paymaster of her Majesty's forces abroad, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a warrant for allowance of incidents to him and his clerks. Dated 15 Oct. 1713.

Also memoranda showing what the allowance would come to if regulated according to those of Mr Brydges or Mr How. Against the latter is this *Minute*:—"Wt for these allowances to be made ye accountant." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 18. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the petition of Ra. Robinson as to the non-delivery of hemp according to contract. The price of hemp had fallen, and numbers of ropemakers were discharged since the certainty of the peace, whereby the yards were well stocked with that commodity, and the Comrs did not think fit to give any further time for the delivery. Dated 15 Oct. 1713.

The petition and three letters (two being copies).

Minuted:—"Read 20th Oct. 1713. My Lord is of the same opinion with the Comrs of the Navy." 7 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 19. A tender of M. Studholm, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer, to keep the road in Hyde Park in good repair for 150*l.* per ann. Dated 16 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"Read 16th Oct. 1713. Q. what is allowed for watering between the Park & the Palace at Kensington." 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 20. Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes. Did not know that any of the lands or tenements that had been surveyed for the fortifications at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich were either proper or necessary to be purchased for the service of her Majesty's navy, or that they could have been of any use or safety to the navy. Dated Navy Office, 17 Oct. 1713. 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 21. Francis Gwyn to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Asks if directions should be given to the Comrs of Transport to hire freight for the clothing provided for the four regiments in Minorca, and for the three at Gibraltar. Dated Whitehall, 17 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"30 Oct. 1713. If there be no ships of the Queen's going, my Lord thinks the publique ought not to be put to expence of sending this cloathing. The Comrs must send them at their owne charge." 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 22. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the matters contained in the address of the House of Commons of 14 July previous, relating to the lands to be purchased for the use of the fortifications of Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich. The commission under the great seal would not at present be useful, but her Majesty might by a new commission authorize such persons as she should think fit to distinguish which of the lands set out by the first commission were necessary for those fortifications, or for the service of the navy, or the victualling thereof, and also might ascertain the damages sustained by the owners, &c. Apprehended another Act of Parliament would be necessary for applying the moneys for the purchase of the lands, and a further Act to enable the Comrs to settle the damages. Dated 20 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"20 Octor 1713. Wt for a new Commn." 4 *pages.*

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Oct. 20. 23. William Blathwayt to Mr Tilson. Finds by a note from Mr Perry, concerned in the trade of Virginia, that he had received letters from the Receiver General there, with bills of exchange and advice to pay into the Exchequer 880*l.* 7*s.* 5½*d.*, and that he would pay it in with all diligence. Dated 20 Oct. 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

[? About 20 Oct.] 24. Report of the Comrs of the Lottery, 1710, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the workmen employed in fitting up the Transfer Office in the city. In the year 1694 the office of Transfer Master was erected and granted to Thomas Neale, Esq., and on his death, about Jan. 1699, the office was supplied by Thomas Strickland, Esq., who continued therein till Mich. 1710, when the business as to the lottery of 1694 ceased. The office had been kept in Lombard Street in an apartment up one pair of stairs, consisting of two rooms at 40*l.* per ann. rent: "the rest of the house being rented or tenanted by others, although the public did then, and do now, pay 109*l.* a year for the rent of a house for ye sd office." In 1710 Mr Edwin, Usher of the Exchequer, without direction from the Treasury, sent down workmen to fit up the office in question, which lay backward from Leadenhall Street. The workmen had run into expenses equal to building a new house, and ought to take their remedy against those that employed them, &c.

Also copy of warrant for allowing 265*l.* for fitting up the office in 1710.

Minuted :—"20 Oct. 1713. My Lord will allow this sum to be paid the transferr Mar, but then the Queen to be indempnyfyed agt the workmen for the 791li and agst the demand for joyners & carpenters worke in Edwyn's *liberate.*" 2 *large pages.*

[? About 20 Oct.] 25. A paper as to a proposal made by Mr Campbell to improve the quality and augment the quantity of salt.

Minuted :—"Read 20th Oct. 1713. My Lord cannot advise this grant." 1 *page.*

Oct. 21. 26. An abstract of the state of the guards and garrisons in Great Britain, according to the last return of muster rolls to the Commissioner's office; as also of the numbers of the twelve companies of Invalids, with the respective places where they do their duty. Dated Oct. 21, 1713. 3 *large pages.*

Oct. 21. 27. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Wm Keith, praying to be made Surveyor General of Customs for the southern division in America, in the room of Col. Quary, deceased. They had no objection to the appointment. Dated 21 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"21 Oct. 1713. Rests till the report from Mr Nicholson comes over. Wart sign'd 7th Janry 1713."

Certificate in his favour. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 28. Memoranda of arrears to Midsummer 1713. Dated 21 Oct. 1713.

Docquetted :—"Spencer Compton, Esq. Memorial." ½ *page, quarto.*

Oct. 22. 29. Report of Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer on a petition of Lieut.-Col. Duncan McKenzie. The demand was occasioned by the representation of the Earl of Leven at the time of the Union, that Lieut.-Col. McKenzie's was an independent company in the Highlands, when it was a regiment of the guards. The difference in his pay up to Oct. 24, 1713, amounted to 608*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* Dated 22 Oct. 1713.

Also a certified copy of the same.

Minuted:—"18 May 1714. The off-reckonings of his Independt Company ought to be acco[un]ted for."

A memorandum on the same subject. 6½ *pages.*

Oct. 22. 30. Petition of Elizabeth Wood, administratrix to Maud Johnson, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for a warrant for payment of a pension due to Samuel Johnson, clerk, the husband of Maud Johnson.

Minuted:—"Read Oct. 22, 1713. Warrt to be prepared." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 22.] 31. Petition of Arthur Bevan, of the Middle Temple, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying the grant of a lease of a mill in the parish of "Eggliseskymin" [Eglwys-Cymmin], in the county of Carmarthen, which mill had become ruinous and not fit for "mulcture" by the absconding of the last lessee.

Minuted:—"22 Oct. 1713. Ref. to Surveyr Genl." There is a further order referring it to the Surveyor General on 13 Nov. 1713. 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 22.] 32. The Earl of Stair to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Asks for directions to be given by his Lp for paying the general officers who served in Flanders from Christmas 1712 to June 1713; also respecting a deficiency of 316*l.* due to him upon his pay as lieut.-general. He had the Duke of Ormonde's assurance that any deficiency in the fund granted by Parliament should not fall on him.

Minuted:—"22 Oct. 1713. To speak with Mr Sloper. The first part of my Ld's request will be complyd with, in directing the pay of the Genll Officers for the first 6 months of this yeare, wch is provided for by Parliamt; and my Ld Trẽarer has been pleas'd to order a demand to be brought in accordingly.

"As to the latter part, wch is to pay up what was deficient on last yeare's pay, there are many other Genll officers under ye same difficulty. And upon laying a demd for it before the house last winter, it was rejected. And no provn is yet made for it by parliamt." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Oct. 26. 33. W. Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a petition of the justices of the peace for the East Riding of Yorkshire, and another from the mayor and aldermen of Hull, concerning the danger of inundation of the River Hull, if the banks were not kept in repair, which her Majesty referred to his Lp. Dated Windsor Castle, 26 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1713. Ordna to loos no time in making a report & estimate, in case the Q's business to make these repa." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 26. 34. "Debt in the Office of Her Majt's Works to the 30th June 1713." Dated Office of her Mat's Works, 26 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"Warr^{t} sign'd 18th December 1713 for 8,606^{li} 9*s.* 3*d*$\frac{1}{4}$. w^{ch} with 778^{li} 17^{s} 5$\frac{3}{4}$^{d} remaining in the payma$^{r's}$ hands, is to compleat the constant allowances to Midsum^{r} 1713." 3 *very large pages.*

[? About Oct. 27.] 35. Memorial of the officers of the eight Invalid companies to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The Duke of Ormonde and other Com^{rs} of Chelsea College had made their report, which lay in the Council office. Asked for speedy payment, for tho' they had a very large credit from the city of Westminster, yet several had perished, others were in gaol, and the few left must suffer to the last degree, if not relieved.

Minuted:—"27 Oct. 1713. Look out their papers." *Again:*—"These officers had commiss^{ns} for comp^{a} which were intended to be formed but never were formed, nor was any money given for them." 1 *page, quarto.*

Oct. 27. 36. Warrant of the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford) to the Queen's Remembrancer not to issue out process against the African Company. Dated 27 Oct. 1713. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

Oct. 27. 37. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Joseph Martin and other sufferers, and agents for sufferers, in the islands of Nevis and S^{t} Christopher by the French invasion there. The Com^{rs} for Trade and Plantations were authorised to distribute 103,003*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, and had made out debentures for 97,936*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, and debentures for the residue were to be made out. The debentures were entered in the register kept for the debentures which were lately charged on the forfeited estates in Ireland. And they (the Solicitor and Attorney Gen^{l}) were of opinion that the debentures should be admitted to be subscribed into the stock of the South Sea Company, on an equal foot with the Irish debentures, but the Com^{rs} for taking subscriptions into the South Sea stock did not conceive themselves empowered by their commission to receive the same. They (the Attorney and Solicitor Gen^{l}) were further of opinion that an additional commission must be made to empower the Com^{rs} to take these subscriptions. Dated 27 Oct. 1713.

The petition referred to, an Act of Parliament 10th of Anne, the form of a debenture, and a list of the debentures, showing the sufferers' names.

Minuted:—"27 Oct. 1713. To Com^{rs} for Trade to state the requisites required by law, & by w^{t} sort of evidence it appeared to them they were complyed with." 37 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 28. 38. John Edwin, [Usher of the Exchequer], to the Lord High Treasurer. Giving an account of the receipts delivered by the Usher of the Receipt of the Exchequer "for each direction in both the class [Lottery] offices and the value of them." Dated 28 Oct. 1713.

Minuted:—"28 Oct. 1713. Speak to W. B." *Again:*—"A rep^{t} on this." 1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

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Oct. 28. 39. Mr Burchett to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses a copy of a letter to be laid before his Lordship from Sir Wm Gifford, who was so afflicted with the gout that he feared he should not be able to attend the disbanding and paying the marines at Rochester and Canterbury. Dated Admiralty Office, 28 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"29 Oct. 1713. Read."

The copy referred to. 2½ *pages*.

[? About Oct. 29.] 40. Totals as to the state of the account for ordnance, land, and sea services for the years 1712 and 1713.

Minuted :—"29 Oct. 1713. If my Lord issues 10,000li at ꝓsent, he would know to what ꝑticular uses it is wanted & to be applyed." 1 *page*.

Oct. 29. 41. Mr Secretary Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a petition of the subaltern officers of Lieut.-General Holt's regiment, praying payment of subsistence, and a letter from the Comrs for disbanding the marine regiments, who were unable to relieve the petitioners. Dated Windsor Castle, 29 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"Swift & Mostyn to state."

Accompanied by the letter but not the petition. 2 *pages, quarto*.

Oct. 30. 42. Report of the Comrs of Trade and Plantations to the Lord High Treasurer, showing the requisites appointed to be performed by two Acts of Parliament, made in favour of the sufferers of Nevis and St Christopher's, to entitle them to debentures. Proofs were fully made before them (the Comrs) for 289,560*l*. 2*s*. and for 4,252*l*. 15*s*. 6*d*., under the seal of the islands. They (the Comrs) had made out debentures for 103,003*l*. 11*s*. 4*d*., and had consulted her Majesty's Attorney General in all matters of difficulty. Dated Whitehall, 30 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"30 Oct. 1713. Wt objeccõns to the admitting. Write to South Sea Com̃pany." 3 *pages*.

Oct. 30. 43. Charles Boit to the Lord High Treasurer. Was very unwilling to lose one day from his business, and begged he might have his Lp's order to Mr Lowndes for his money, which when he received, he says, "if the great piece be not dispatcht, it shall then be wholly my fault." Dated 30 Oct. 1713.

Minuted :—"100li ꝑ Mr Nicholas." 1 *page*.

Oct. 44. An account of the sums voted by Parliament for the service of her Majesty's guards, garrisons, &c. for the year 1713, and likewise for several extraordinary services of the war, paid and to be paid by the Paymaster Genl of her Majesty's guards and garrisons; with what part thereof has been received upon account, the sum unapplied, and what remains to be issued to complete the same. Dated Pay Office, Oct. 1713. 3 *large pages*.

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Nov. 2. 1. The Earl of Peterborough to the Lord [High Treasurer]. The Queen having ordered two men above the establishment in each troop of his regiment to be continued in pay, the Secretary-at-War required a particular order from his Lordship. Dated Nov. 2, 1713.

Minuted:—"6 Nov. 1713. Signifye the Q^{s} p̃l to Secr̃y-at-Warr."

Again:—"Workes Est." 1 *page*.

Nov. 2. 2. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) "on the affaire of marine respits & the cause now depending in Chancery about y^{e} same." Dated 2 Nov. 1713. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 2. 3. Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Hon. Thomas Harley, Esq. Had entered into agreements with persons (who for many years, during the late war, behaved themselves faithfully in the service of the packet boats on the Falmouth, Harwich, and Dover Stations) to build and provide the five boats required. They also agreed that in the meanwhile, the captains should carry on the correspondence by hired boats. Four of the new boats were nearly ready, and a fifth would be as soon as the intercourse between England and France should be opened. It would not be in their power to make any alterations in the agreements they had entered into. Dated General Post Office, 2 Nov. 1713.

Minuted:—"11 Nov^{r} 1713. A case of M^{r} Walkers read at same time and ordered to Postm^{rs}." 1½ *pages*.

Nov. 3. 4. Report of Thomas Andrews and Nicholas Terrell to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to his L^{p}'s commands to them to extract from the Port Books in the Remembrancer's office the value of the exports and imports between England and France, from Michaelmas 1662 to Michaelmas 1663, and from the same feast 1665 to 1666. They give the following account of the books and place of deposit:—

"There are three rooms in the Remembrancer's office in the Court of Exchequer wherein the said books were contained; viz^{t}. one a large ground room under part of the Court of Exchequer of about 14 yards long and 8 broad, the floor whereof was all cover'd for above two feet deep with loose parchment books, bonds, and papers, all in the utmost confusion; several of which parchment books near the bottom were totally rotted, and even grown of a peice with the boards on the floor. In order to give your Lord^{p} the best account that possibly could be had of them, we caused the parchment books which were sound to be picked out from the bonds and loose papers, and to be carried up into an empty room behind the said court, where we examined them book by book, and laid those for the service required in order, according to the respective years they belonged unto. Wee then proceeded to look into two upper rooms behind the Court of Exchequer, which are each of about 18 yards long and 5 wide, the first whereof contain'd on one side, several books for the port of London from the year 1660 placed in presses; the other side of the room from the one end to the other for above a yard deep, and the further end above two yards deep, was covered with books from the out ports, promiscuously heaped together in the greatest disorder, all which wee carefully examined likewise book by book, and placed them for the years required with those which were set apart for the same service. The other room adjoyning to the former was cover'd with books, bonds, and papers, about two feet deep, like that on the ground floor, which upon examination wee found to consist generally of those of very antient dates from K. Henry the 7th to the end of K. Charles 1st, and that none appear'd to be there of any date since the Restauration." If the books had been perfect no certain account of the imports from any distinct country could have been collected from them; and it was their misfortune that they could not make an extract of the exports and imports between England and France for the years required. Dated Custom House, London, 3 Nov. 1713.

A list of the books and other particulars about them.

Minuted:—"To Sr Chr. Wren to send an estimate of ye charge of presses, &c. Lre writ to Andrews & Terrell." 5 *large pages.*

Nov. 3. 5. Commrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had consulted with Brigadier Richards, chief engineer of Great Britain, from whose report, which they enclosed, it appeared that no part of the land surveyed by her Majesty's Comrs for the fortifications at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich was requisite to be purchased. Dated Office of Ordnance, 3 Nov. 1713.

Minuted:—"To be sent to ye Comrs of enquiry when ye Comon is passed."

The report named. 2¼ *pages.*

Nov. 3. 6. Report of the Secretary-at-War (Francis Gwyn) to Mr Lowndes, as to a proposition for re-admitting several of the invalid out-pensioners lately discharged, whose misery had moved her Majesty's compassion. The charge would amount to 11,908*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* a year, for which a proposition should be made to Parliament. Dated Whitehall, 3 Nov. 1713.

The second minute on the back is:—

"5 Nov. 1713. No advertisemt but such as shall apply & be found qualifyed to be re-admitted. A separate list to be made of them & their pay." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 7. Comrs of Ordnance to Charles Eversfield, Esq., as to the payment of certain gunners at Barbadoes. Dated Office of Ordnance, 3 Nov. 1713.

Minuted:—"6 Novr 1713. See wt has been writ to Commrs Trade abt this affair." 1 *page.*

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Nov. 3. 8. Saml Lynn to Mr Lowndes. Transmits an account of the number of marines disbanded and paid off since the peace. Dated 3 Nov. 1713. 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 9. Certificate from the Jewel Office of plate delivered to the Lord Dartmouth. Dated 4 Nov. 1713.

Minuted :—" To be laid before ye Q." *Again* :—" Dec. 29, 1713. Queen allows it.—Wt signd." 1 *page.*

Nov. 4. 10. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr Lowndes on the bills of exchange of Mr Edmonds not yet accepted. They can say little more than they said in their letter of 18 May last, which was found among his (Edmonds's) papers and returned herewith, it being entered in their office, as all other letters are. The acceptance of the bills depends on the Lord High Treasurer or the Lords of the Admiralty. Mr Edmonds has not complied with his agreement for exchange. If the money be appointed they will pay the bills. Send a list of all the bills of exchange unaccepted. The accounts in the office which the long war has left in arrear are very numerous. Dated Navy Office, 4 Nov. 1713.

Minuted :—" 17 Nov. 1713. An acct to distinguish how much supplyed in money & how much in stores. Fenwill says impossible for him to make, but that ye Commrs Navy may do it from the accts returned."

The letter of 18 May and the list. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 4. 11. A paper docquetted :—" Concerning the pensions of his late Royal Highness the Prince's his foreign servants. R. Nov. 4, 1713, from Mr de Plessen." Marked, " Obsolete." The names are given, and the total was 7,457*l.* per ann. 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 5.] 12. Petition of Robert Bedoe to the Lord High Treasurer. Had held the place of keeper of the gates leading out of the Privy Garden into Cannon Row, Westminster, and to the waterside since the year 1690, but had only received his pay to the time of the death of the King. Had continued to look after the gates, through which there was so great a resort, especially in Parliament time, and to keep the same open on committee nights till such time as the committee rose, which was often very late. On making a new establishment for the Treasurer of the Chamber, his allowance was by some mistake left out. Prayed for her Majesty's warrant for the same.

Minuted :—" 5 Novr 1713. If he be imployed it is under the housekeeper, and he must pay him."

There is also a previous petition of his in nearly the same words. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 5. 13. " Pottomack district, in Maryland. } An acct current of the 9d p hhd appropriated to the governmt & recd by Mr Dansey, her Majty's receivr of the said district, from the 30 of October 1713 to the 5th of November, anno domini 1713."

Also another account more in detail. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 14. Copy of a letter from the Comrs for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlars to Wm Lowndes and Thomas Harley, Esqres, relating to the dismissal, for irregular practices, of M^{r} Thomas Wells, for several years a riding surveyor. Dated Transport Office, 6 Nov. 1713.

Also copy of a letter from Wells to M^{r} Lorimer, showing his irregular proceedings. 3 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 6.] 15. "Petition and hard case of Charles Palmer," addressed to the Lord High Treasurer. He and his brother Edward were at their sole expense the projectors for altering the excise on liquors made from coffee, &c. into an impost on the pound weight on dry goods, &c., and expended 1,000*l.* thereon. Prays for a promised reward of 500*l.* a year for life and 750*l.* and upwards expended.

Minuted:—"6 Nov. 1713. My Lord knows nothing of the reward promised of 500^{li}, ꝑ ann., nor anything of his pretensions." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 6.] 16. Petition of Thomas Wilkins, late under sheriff of the county of Glamorgan, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying an allowance for his extraordinary expenses in levying an extent against George Howell, Esq., late Receiver General of her Majesty's taxes.

Minuted:—"6 Nov. 1713. To Comm^{rs} Taxes."

Referred to them on the 10th.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 17. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the French Ambassador concerning a French ship seized by the Custom House officers for running brandy. Dated 7 Nov. 1713.

Two papers relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 7. 18. "An estimate of new makeing a road of 1,000 foot long & 25 fo^{t} wide betwene y^{e} Themes & y^{e} nue designed wall & iron worke at y^{e} lower end of y^{e} nue plantation now makeing on y^{e} north side of y^{e} castle of Windsor, ꝑ Mich^{ll} Studholme, Nov^{r} ye 7th 1713." ½ *page.*

Nov. 10. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of all pensions payable at that office out of the hereditary and temporary excise. Dated 10 Nov. 1713.

The account named. The following were the pensions:—The Duke of Northumberland, 3,000*l.*; the Duke of Cleveland, 3,000*l.*; the Duke of Grafton, 2,000*l.*; and the Duchess Dowager of Grafton, 1,000*l.* per annum. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 20. Pensions payable out of the Post Office and paid to Midsummer 1713, viz., to the Dukes of Northumberland and Grafton, 4,700*l.*; to Henry Earl of Rochester, 4,000*l.*; the Duke of Schomberg, 4,000*l.*; the Duke of Marlborough, 5,000*l.*; Lord Harcourt, Lord Chancellor, 4,000*l.* Other pensions paid by the Postmaster of Edinburgh, viz., to the university of Edinburgh, 210*l.*, and the professors of Glasgow, 210*l.* Dated Post Office, 10 Nov. 1713. 1 *page.*

Nov. 11. 21. "Salt Comm^{rs} presentm^{t} [to the L^{d} High Treasurer] for the suspending for two years the deduction of three pence in the pound out of the officers' salaries towards the Bank of Charity, there being money enough in stock to serve for that time." Dated Salt Office, 11 Novr 1713.

Minuted:—"13 Novr 1713. To consider whether this surplus mo may not be applyed to ease wt is allowed the offrs for taxes." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. 13.] 22. Memorial of John Cartlitch to the Lord High Treasurer. Had delivered to the Mint several parcels of fine gold to make the medals her Majesty had directed for both houses of Parliament. Sir Isaac Newton agreed to pay 4*l.* 9*s.* per ounce, ready money, being 1*s.* per ounce less than the same was generally sold for in the shops. Gold and silver were always sold for ready money, and his agreement was for the same. Prayed for interest at 6 per cent. from 13 July last on 2,632*l.* 10*s.*

Minuted:—"13 Novr 1713. To Sr Isaac Newton." 1 *page.*

Nov. 13. 23. Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before him "a state of the debts incurr'd & due to the Office of her Majt's Works between Christmas 1709 and June 1713." As to the particulars, which appeared to be done without warrant from the Ld Chamberlain or Treasury, the Queen had given verbal orders, &c. Dated 13 Nov. 1713. 3 *pages.*

[? About Nov. 13.] 24. Petition of the commanders of the packet boats between Harwich and Holland to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be allowed two more men to each boat, as their complement was so small that it would be impossible in bad weather to weigh their anchors, sail the vessels, or land the mails with safety.

Minuted:—"13 Nov. 1713. To Postmars. A wt signed."

Referred to Postmasters General on 10 Dec. 1713. 1¼ *pages.*

[? About Nov. 13.] 25. Memorial of George French and Richard Oglethorp, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for speedy redress of the hardship they suffered in not being supplied by the Government, being sent hither from the West Indies.

Minuted:—"13 Nov. 1713. To know wt they recd from Douglass." 1 *page, quarto.*

Nov. 14. 26. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the quantity and value of the lead taken off the Savoy, over the barracks now built for 500 soldiers. There were 76 tons 18 cwts. sold for 692*l.* 2*s.* Dated 14 9ber 1713. 1 *page.*

Nov. 14. 27. Auditor's state of the account of Launcelot Burton, Lionel Herne, Samuel Edwards, and John Granger, Esqres, receivers under the Act for licensing hackney coaches, &c., and charging new duties on stamped vellum. Signed E. Harley. Dated 14 Nov. 1713. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 28. Memorial of Wm Dennison, officer in her Majesty's Customs at Edinburgh and Leith, to the Lord High Treasurer. Was well descended, and recommended by Lord Bingley and others of quality, for his loyalty, and was thereupon made an extraordinary riding waiter at Preston Pans: was further recommended by letter of Lionel Norman of 4 Nov. 1713. Prays to be provided for. Dated 17 Nov. 1713.

The letter referred to. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 17. 29. Memorial of John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer about the printing the 16th vol. of the *Fœdera*, praying for an order and warrant for the money for the same. Dated 17 Nov. 1713.

Also the items of the expense amounting to 642*l.* 17*s.*, and an affidavit of William Bowyer as to the printing of the 15th vol. 3 *pages*.

About Nov. 18. 30. "An account of cash pd to such non-commissioned officers and soldrs of Col. Cha. Churchill's regt as marines, who appear'd at musters the 18th Novr 1713, and were effective the 24th March 1712–3."

Minuted:—"10 Dec. 1713. Read. The Commrs to speak with Mr Hawes & consider wt will be sufficient for disbanding the two regts in Kent. 1 *page*.

Nov. 18. 31. Petition of James Nasmith, her Majesty's falconer for Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer. Has enjoyed the office for 30 years. Prays his Lp's continued goodness to him, that he may be put on the list as formerly, his commission having been stopped at the Exchequer at Edinburgh.

"R. Novr 18, 1713." 1 *page*.

[? About Nov. 19.] 32. Petition of Edmund Williamson, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Was appointed a Comr to state the debts of the late reign. The account was returned into the Treasury by the late Mr Gregory King and Mr Willm Van Brugh without the signature of the petitioner, because debts were included to which he could not agree. Was considerably out of pocket by the commission. Prayed that his three years' service might be considered out of the 500,000*l.* granted by Parliament.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Novr 1713. Mr Lowndes to consider wt services he did, & what may be a proper reward for him."

There are also two other minutes, which show very little more. 1 *page*.

Nov. 19. 33. Memorial of the Comrs of Chelsea Hospital to the Lord High Treasurer. Draw attention to various alterations proposed in the establishment of the hospital. Hope his Lordship will approve of the establishment as prepared by them. Signed. Dated Whitehall, 19 Nov. 1713. 2½ *pages*.

Nov. 19. 34. Memorial of Thomas Moore to the Lord High Treasurer, referring to two other memorials, enclosed, of 6 and 11 Nov., as to half-pay. Dated Pay Office, 19 Nov. 1713.

Minuted:—"4 Xber 1713. Mr Merrill to be here on Tuesday, & this to be then considered."

There are also two abstracts of the charge of half-pay. 7 *pages*.

Nov. 20. 35. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of James Jobson and on the case of Mr Walker, touching the furnishing and maintaining of packet boats on the [Dover station]. They (the postmasters) were strangers to the meaning of the petitioner Jobson that he was kept in suspense, and that he suffered in maintaining three vessels for her Majesty's service. His reflections on account of M^r^ Pybus and another were malicious, for M^r^ Pybus had no vote for a member of Parliament, nor had the other (M^r^ Waddington) any vote. They were young men brought up to the sea, and were very capable to command packet boats. According to M^r^ Walker's reasoning his second proposal ought to have been rather advanced than lowered. It was judged that the boats on the Dover and Calais stations should not be less than 40 tons. Dated 20 Nov. 1713. [Part of this is torn away.]

Minuted:—" 3 Dec. Read and approved."

The two papers referred to. 4 *pages*.

Nov. 20. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Secretaries of the Treasury concerning M^r^ Edmonds's bills of exchange unaccepted. Dated Navy Office, 20 Nov. 1713.

Petition of the above Benjamin Edmonds, a previous report, two lists of bills, also copy of an earlier report, and another list of bills of exchange. 12 *pages*.

Nov. 21. 37. Report of N. Arnold, Thomas Railton, and Natha[niel] Collins, Justices of the Peace, to the Lord High Treasurer. They had examined as many of the serjeants' widows as came before them, and it did not appear that they were widows of men killed in her Majesty's service, nor had they any reasonable pretence to receive her Majesty's bounty. They appeared to the justices to be imposters, but were dismissed on promising to give no further trouble. Dated 21 Nov. 1713.

Other reports of W^m^ Sloper and J. Merrill, and the petition of the 16 widows.

There are three minutes on the back: the second refers the case to the Justices of the Peace, and the last is:—" 10 Xber 1713. Read, & the conduct of these gentl. approved." 4 *pages*.

Nov. 21. 38. Com^rs^ for disbanding the marine regiments to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Enclose memorial of Col. Charles Churchill. They believed the facts therein. According to the present disposition of the inhabitants of the place, it would be hardly possible for him to march until 1,246*l*. 7*s*. 1*d*. were paid. Dated Exeter, 21 Nov. 1713.

" Answer'd 24th d^o^."

The case of the memorialist and copy of a letter from W. Wyndham to the mayor of Exeter, authorising the officers to give assignments on the Paymaster General. 3¼ *pages*.

Nov. 23. 39. A proposal to lay a duty as well on all glass wares made in Great Britain as on those imported. Signed, " Morg. Jones."

He says that the glass works were then brought to greater perfection than in any other part of Europe. Dated Nov. 23, 1713. 1 *page*.

Nov. 23. 40. Copy of report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to [? M^r^ Lowndes], sending lists of her Majesty's ships paid off, numbers of men, &c. Dated Navy Office, 23 Nov. 1713. 21 *pages*.

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Nov. 24. 41. Pat. Garden to ———. As to the objection that might be made in Captain Briscoe's case. The objection was that Col. Handasyde did not know whether Capt. Briscoe had ever received a valuable consideration for his company or no. Dated Nov. 24, 1713.

Report of the Duke of Ormonde to the Lord [High Treasurer] as to the half-pay on the establishment in Ireland, of Captain Temple Briscoe.

The petition of Captain Briscoe, and two letters relating thereto. 5 *pages*, 3 *halves*.

Nov. 24. 42. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. The facts of the memorial of Col. Wentworth Harman were true, as to the clothing of the company of Battle-axe guards. Desires his L^{p} to move her Majesty for a warrant for 740*l.* for the same. Dated Dublin Castle, 24 Nov. 1713.

Minuted:—"Prepare a w^{t}."

The petition. 3 *pages*.

Nov. 28 or 29. 43. "The state of my proceedings in relation to severall lycences granted by the Court of Exchequer for compositions from the third day of July 1713 to the last day of Michas terme following inclusive," [*i.e.*, 28 or 29 Nov.]. Signed "Charles Harison." 4 *large pages*.

Nov. 30. 44. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for delivery of scarlet cloth to Alice Blizard, herb strewer to her Majesty. Dated 30 Nov. 1713. 1 *page*.

Nov. 45. "Report of the Officers of her Majesty's Exchequer upon a reference from my Lord Treasurer to them upon a petition of the Officers of the Mint in Scotland:" viz., as to 12*d.* in the pound detained from them by the Auditor, Clerk of the Pells, and Tellers out of 600*l.* paid to them lately at the Exchequer out of the coinage duty. The officers observe that by the ancient custom of the Exchequer, they had detained 12*d.* per pound for salaries, and 6*d.* per pound for incidents, and they conceived it was their right so to do, &c. Dated Exchequer, Nov. 1713. 1 *page*.

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Dec. 1. 1. Com^{rs} of Customs, North Britain, to Thomas Harley, Esq. Had proposed that the master of the packet boats and the seamen between Port Patrick and Donaghadee should give bond and security not to import Irish victual, &c., but now thought it would answer the design if the master gave security for himself and the men. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 1 Dec. 1713.

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Representation signed "George Main" to the above Com^{rs} on the same subject.

Minuted:—"Directions sent to y^{e} postma^{rs} accord^{ly} and to y^{e} said Com^{rs}." 3 *pages.*

[? Dec. 1.] 2. Joannes Coolen, wine merchant, in Kuremond, to N. B. Borrows, clerk to M^{r} Carthred. Wanted some good advice about the money that was due to him by the Prussians for forage. Dated Hague, 12 Dec. 1713 [? N.S., *i.e.* 1 Dec.].

"R. Dec. 16." 1 *page.*

Dec. 1. 3. Governor J. Dudley to the Lord High Treasurer. General Nicholson arrived there about six weeks since. Had attended him every day to discover the frauds in the accounts sent home of the cleaning of ships, and of supplies to the fleet bound to Canada, and in other accounts. The persons brought by him were necessary besides Capt. Wade. The errors in the accounts amounted to some thousands of pounds, and were chargeable upon the captains of her Majesty's ships, and on the persons employed to purchase supplies. General Nicholson had come out of season to despatch her Majesty's affairs. He could neither go eastward to Newfoundland, nor to the southern governments till the spring, and could not then proceed in the "Adventure," for want of depth of water, and had therefore sent Captain Wade home. The faults of the captains, &c. would be easily reformed when there was a proper officer "to judge and direct all repairs and cleaning of ships to muster their men on board." Dated Boston, New England, 1 Dec. 1713.

"R. Janu. 15." 2 *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 2. 4. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Lord Santry, Lieut. Col. to the Earl of Wharton's late regiment of dragoons. Did not know that Lord Santry had any part of the grant of nine months' full pay of a regiment of dragoons as levy money, nor were his L^{p} and the cornets placed upon half-pay. Asked that their request should be laid before her Majesty. Dated Dublin Castle, 2 Dec. 1713. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 5. Orders, Bye-laws, and Ordinances made for the good government of licensed hackney chairmen in the cities of London and Westminster and suburbs. Dated Office for Hackney Coaches and Chairs, in Surrey Street in the Strand, 3 Dec. 1713. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 6. Com^{rs} of the Navy to Thomas Harley, Esq., Secretary to the Lord High Treasurer. Return the petition of Sarah Dummer, widow, and Jane Dummer, daughter and only child of Edmund Dummer, Esq., late surveyor of the navy, for some support, in consideration of the services of the latter, and the distressed condition they were left in. Return also the reports from the Com^{rs} of Trade and from the Postmasters General on their behalf. M^{r} Dummer was bred in the navy as a shipwright, served after the Revolution as assistant to Sir John Tippetts, surveyor of the navy, and succeeded him in that office. Dummer also projected and inspected the building of the new stone docks at Portsmouth and Plymouth, which had been and would always

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be of very great service to the navy; and weighed the ship "St David" which was overset in Portsmouth Harbour, by which the ship was saved and the harbour cleared, &c. Petitioners were left in a deplorable condition. The widows of several Comrs of the Navy had pensions of 300*l.* a year each. Propose that whatever her Majesty allowed should be divided between them. Dated Navy Office, 4 Dec. 1713.

The papers referred to, one of which is minuted thus:—Windsor, "Monday, Dec. 14, 1713. Read to ye Queen. Her Mat is pleased to order a pension. Care to be taken for the distribution to ye mother & daughter." 6½ *pages.*

[? About Dec. 4.] 7. Cecilia Presgrave to the Lord High Treasurer. Sets forth the distresses of her mother and self. It is wholly impossible for them to subsist on the charitable returns of the royal bounty to her mother only. Refers to her grandfather, Sir Wm Morton's, great sufferings for the Crown, and prays for some addition, and likewise to be admitted to the royal bounty.

On the back is:—"By the lre she seems to be daughter of Cecilia Newberry, who writes herself daughter of ye late Judge Morton. The said Mrs Newberry, at the instance of some of ye judges, about 6 or 7 years ago, obtained her Mat's bounty of 20li by the hands of Mr Compton, wch hath been continued to her half-yearly to this time."

Minuted:—"4 Decr 1713. My Lord saies the bountys must be retrenchd but not increased." 1½ *pages, quarto.*

Dec. 5. 8. J. Bridg[er] to John T[ay]lor, Esq. Had now execution against several persons for destroying two mast trees. The person offending forfeits 100*l.* for each offence, one half being to the informer. Prayed to have her Majesty's part. Had observed for the last 16 years that the people of Connecticut and New Hampshire Provinces had run into the woollen manufacture, and had considerable numbers of sheep. Every countryman was wholly clothed with his own "spinning linen," as well as woollen. They always mixed cotton wool with their own wool and flax. Proposed for "the prevention of this evil," or at least to stop its growth, to prohibit the export of all cotton wool from the West Indies to these colonies by an Act under penalties. Dated Boston, New England, Dec. 5, 1713. 1 *page, faded.*

Dec. 5. 9. Francis Gwyn to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Sends a copy of Mr Blyke's letter, who was commissary of the stores of war in Spain, touching stores lately remaining in his custody, which had been seized by the city of Barcelona. Dated Whitehall, 5 Dec. 1713.

The copy referred to. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 10. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on a signature [or grant] prepared in favour of Charles Ross, of Balnagowan, Colonel General of dragoons. The property consisted of "the lands and barony of Balnagowan, the lands and tenendry of Kincardine, and part of the Abbacy of Fearn and others," in the counties of Ross and Sutherland. Dated Edinr, 7 Decr 1713. 1 *page.*

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Dec. 8. 11. Report of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer on the condition of Berwick Bridge, and as to the expenditure of the money paid by Government or otherwise raised for the same. The bridge belonged to and ought to be repaired by the county. They were informed that money had been issued out of the Exchequer for that purpose. Dated Office of Ordnance, 8 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"To the Maior of Berwick to send an acco^t^ what sums have been rec^d^ for the bridg: how much hath been expended, & when & what remaynes in bank. Sett them a day for this. Dec. 9, 1713."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 154, is:—"Board of Ordnance called in * * * The Mayor of Berwick to send my Lord an acco^{t} of what has been expended of the 100^{li} p ann. allowed for y^{e} support of Berwick Bridge, and how much thereof now remaines in bank." 1 *page*.

[About Dec. 9.] 12. "Petition of her Majesty's servants, the King's Heralds and Pursuivants of Arms," to the Lord High Treasurer. 451*l*. were due to them upon their allowance of 41*l*. per annum, for 11 years' attendance on her Majesty in their coats to her royal chapel. The sums mentioned were allowed by her Majesty's predecessors. There was also due to them 5*l*. for largess upon the creation of every nobleman, of whom there had been 46 since her Majesty's accession, the sum amounting to 230*l*. They also attended the Lords of the Privy Council, and prepared several schemes and draughts of the ensigns armorial for the funeral of H.R.H. Prince George of Denmark. They further attended on the removal of the body to Westminster, and at the interment, at considerable expense and personal service, and had received neither mourning nor recompense for the same, nor fee for their service, whereto they were entitled at all like solemnities. Prayed relief. Their signatures are appended.

A list of the 46 noblemen, and copies of seven documents in support of the heralds' claim.

"R. from Mr. Stebbing." Dec. 9, 1713. 5 *pages*.

Dec. 9. 13. Com^{rs} of the Navy to Secretary Harley, on "another memorial" of M^{r} Edmonds', about his bills of exchange. There was but very little in it but what had been answered in their former letters. Dated Navy Office, 9 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"31 Xber 1713. To Comm^{rs} Navy, whether any or w^{t} part of M^{r} Edmonds' bills are reasonable to be accepted & paid." 2 *pages*.

Dec. 10. 14. The case of the sufferers of the Islands of Nevis and S^{t} Christopher. Dated 10 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"11 X$^{\text{ber}}$ 1713. S. Sea Company to hasten their report." 2 *pages*.

Dec. 12. 15. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. The charge of the persons employed to take care of quarantine in that kingdom, amounted nearly to 1,000*l*. per ann. The Government had no funds but the *concordatum* to pay the

1713. same, which was particularly appointed for other uses. Desired that the Com^{rs} of Revenue might be instructed to take the management of the same, and to pay it out of the incidents. Dated Dublin Castle, 12 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—" W^{t} signed." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 16. Report of M^{r} W^{m} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petitions of Walter Bunbury and Jane Roseingrave, the widow and executrix of Daniel Roseingrave, deceased, and of George French and Richard Oglethorpe. As to the allowance due to Daniel Roseingrave, deceased, a witness for her Majesty against Thomas Kirby and others, respecting the insurrection in Antigua, and the murder of Col. Parke. Gilbert Pepper, Esq., subsisted the witness for 16 months before his death and made a claim on the allowance. He also had ordered the petitioner Bunbury to receive what should be paid, to retain 25*l.* for his own use, and give the remainder to the petitioners French and Oglethorpe, two other witnesses in the same case. Had already reported on the case, and thought 20*s.* a week reasonable, and the Attorney General also concurred with that report. The petitioner, Jane Roseingrave, produced the will of her husband, naming her sole executrix. He (M^{r} Borrett) annexed two certificates of her marriage.

As to the petitioners French and Oglethorpe, they had received nothing but 20*l.*, which was from him (M^{r} Borrett).

At the close of the last term Henry Smith, Daniel Mackinnen, and Samuel Watkins, prosecuted in the insurrection at Antigua, pleaded her Majesty's pardon, and pleaded not guilty to the treason. The matter could not be determined till Easter term, and French and Oglethorpe were witnesses, and could not subsist without some allowance. Dated 14 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—" 5 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{13}{14}$. W^{t} signed on this report."

Accompanied by the Attorney General's report, the memorial of Gilbert Pepper, the previous report of M^{r} Borrett, petition and affidavit of Daniel Roseingrave, gent., the memorial of Geo. French and Richard Oglethorpe, affidavit of French, another petition from French and Oglethorpe, the two marriage certificates above referred to (one being from "the Fleet"), the petition of Jane Roseingrave, and the petition of Walter Bunbury. 20 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 14. 17. Memorial of Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to the demands of the magistrates of Dunkirk, on account of her Majesty's forces in garrison there, viz., for bedding, firing, and other things furnished by them for field and staff officers and soldiers. Dated 14 Dec. 1713. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 18. Presentment of Sir Stafford Fairborne to the Lord High Treasurer, of the state of his case, viz., as to his half-pay as an admiral of the fleet. Dated 14 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"Read 8 Jan^{ry} 1713. My Lord will inform himselfe of this case from Tr̃er of y^{e} Navy, at his next attendance." 1 *page.*

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Dec. 15. 19. Memorial of the Rt. Hon. John Lord Delawarr, Treasurer of the Chamber, to the Lord High Treasurer, showing what he had paid away out of the 10,503*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* imprested to him, and that there was still an arrear of 6,474*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.* Dated 15 Dec. 1713. 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 20. Memorial of the four Tellers of the Receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that the warrants to Mr Compton might specify how much was issued for pensions, so that they might receive their fee of 30*s.* in 100*l.* Dated Exchequer, 16 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"16th December 1713. Send to Mr Godfrey to certify what fees are paid at ye Excheqr for the moneys which are from time to time issued upon the orders in the names of Mr Compton or Mr Nicholas, and how the same are apportioned amongst the officers at ye Excheqr." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 18.] 21. Petition of William Pyke, Joseph Boult, and James Pyke, for themselves and others, to the Lord High Treasurer. Were concerned in bringing over a certain leaf of the palmetto tree, the product of the Isle of Bermudas and other places in the West Indies, and proposed having it manufactured here. One Zebella Masters was soliciting a patent to monopolise the trade. Prayed that no patent might be granted, but that the intended trade might be free.

Minuted:—"18 Dec. 1713. To be considered when any thing relating to the palmetto leaf comes before my Lord." 1 *page.*

[? About Dec. 18.] 22. Memorial of Henry, Lord Baron Barry, of Santry, to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury). Was appointed Lieut.-Col. to the Earl of Wharton's regiment of dragoons; was at great expense in raising the troop; received no levy money, and only nine months' pay when the regiment was broken. All the other officers received half-pay except himself and the cornets. Prayed for consideration and relief.

"R. Dec. 18, 1713." 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 23. W. Blathwayt to ———. Had lately received several accounts of her Majesty's revenues arising in the plantations. Enclosed abstracts of the same [viz., for Jamaica and Virginia]. Dated Whitehall, 18 Dec. 1713. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 24. Hugh Speke to the Lord High Treasurer. If he could not obtain his Lp's favour in ordering him relief, must content himself with God's will and his Lordship's pleasure in ending his days there (the Fleet) in the last degree of misery. There was not a parallel hard case with his in all her Majesty's kingdoms. Had received but 35*l.* by his Lp's order since his troubles for these six months. Dated "Fleet Prison, Fryday, Decr ye 18th, 1713."

Minuted:—"40li to release him & his daughter & 20li to carry him to Ireland." 1 *page, quarto.*

[About Dec. 19.] 25. Petition of Captain Stephen Downes, of her Majesty's regiment of foot under the command of the Hon. Brigadier Windsor to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for removal of respits,

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Also certificate of the truth of the allegations. Dated 19 Dec. 1713. Signed A. Windsor. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 26. Certificates of moneys arising by the sale of tin, and payments therefrom, from 16 July to 19 Dec. 1713. Signed "John Anstis." Numbered from 24 to 48 (two missing).

Dec. 21. 27. Com^rs^ for Victualling to M^r^ Lowndes. Send a list of bills of exchange drawn on them from foreign parts remaining unpaid, amounting to 59,543*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* Dated Victualling Office, 21 Dec. 1713.

The list. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 28. Charles Medlycott to ———. The stores which he has received orders to sell are not vendable in this country, nor would he have advised delivering them to the King of Portugal if they could have been sold. None of the tradesmen of this city will buy them. They are poor miserable dogs that have not 5*l.* in the world, and only work from hand to mouth. Offered them to the English and Dutch merchants. Many of them have quantities of their own to sell, that have lain by for 11 years. Offered them to the Secretary of State as the "properest" man to buy them for the King, who said he would consider of it. Has left no stone unturned to sell them for 12 months past. There is but one way left, viz., to put the stores up to auction, and if that does not succeed, suggests that they shall be sent to England, where as long as her Majesty keeps soldiers, arms and accoutrements will be useful. Dated Lisbon, Jan. 2, N.S. 1714, *i.e.*, 22 Dec. 1713.

Docquetted:—"For L^d^ Bolingbroke. A copy to be taken." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 22. 29. Report of Thomas Andrews and Nicholas Terrell to the Lord High Treasurer. Had already made a report of the state of certain of the port books in the Remembrancer's office, and had now made an examination into the state of the books for London and the outports for the same years at the Custom House, London, in order to make up the deficiency of those at the former office. The books for importation of wines and other goods in the port of London for the years required were wholly wanting. The books for the outports from 1662 to 1663 were almost complete, but from 1665 to 1666 only one quarter of a year was found; so that it was not possible to make a true extract of the exports and imports between England and France as required. Dated Custom House, London, 22 Dec. 1713.

A schedule of the books found and of those that were wanting.

Minuted:—"15 Jan^ry^ 17$\frac{13}{14}$. Whether some recourse may not be had to books w^ch^ the farmers kept." 4 *large pages.*

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Dec. 23. 1. Joseph England to William Lowndes, Esq. Had searched Lord Bolingbroke's, Mr Bromley's, and the Lord Marre's offices, but could not find the late Duke of Queensberry's book of entries. The "report" might be a proper voucher for the payment of the marines of the "Worcester." The matter had been eight years standing, and was not yet determined. Dated 23 Dec. 1713. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 2. Count Van Der Natt, envoy extraordinary from the Duke of Holstein, to the Lord High Treasurer. Desires that the custom officers might "visit his trunks" at his lodgings. London, Dec. 23, 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 24. 3. An estimate of what is demanded to clear her Majesty's forces for pay and clothing for foreign forces, subsidies, and other services of the war, late under the care of payment of James Brydges, Esq., late Paymaster General of her Majesty's forces acting in conjunction with the allies. Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 24 Dec. 1713. 12 *pages.*

— Dec. 24. 4. Memoranda of the state of payments to the troops and garrison of Dunkirk to the 24th of Dec. 1713. 4 *pages.*

— Dec. 24. 5. "Abstract of some extraordinary charges of the war, incurred and not provided for in Mr Moore's office, between 24 Aug. 1713 and the 24th Dec. following incl." 1 *page.*

Dec. 24. 6. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the owners and masters of ships trading with coals from Newcastle to the port of London, as regards the bushel and chaldron in use. The Common Council of London had by their own authority ordered a quart to be added to every bushel, contrary to the statute of 16 Car. II., and two of their (the Comrs') officers, who were ordered to attend at Guildhall to see the measures proved, informed them (the Comrs) that the brass bushel kept at Guildhall, made in the reign of Charles II., exactly agreed with the brass bushel lately made by their order. The regulations in the coal-measure had been made in pursuance of the law, and approved of by the opinion of her Majesty's learned counsel and the Comrs' orders. The petition ought to be rejected. Dated Custom House, London, 24 Dec. 1713.

The petition, and representation of the above owners, &c.

Minuted:—"24 Dec. 1713. Read 25. Commrs Cust. being present, say they know of no clamour abt this alteracõn." 6½ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 7. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir Andrew Kennedy as to the salary and perquisites of the office of Conservator of the Scots' privileges in the Netherlands. Conceived that the petitioner was a proper object of her Majesty's bounty. Dated Edinb^{r} Excheq^{r} Chamb^{r}, Dec. 24, 1713.

Minuted :—" 2 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. My Lord cannot consent to an add^{ll} sall., but will move the Queen for her bounty to carry him home."

The petition. 3$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 8. J. Brydges to the Lord High Treasurer. Lays before his L^{p} by way of estimate the several demands made at his office for arrears of pay to her Majesty's forces and other services of the late war in arrear, to the 24th of August last, at which time his office ended. Dated Whitehall, Pay Office, 24 Dec. 1713.

The estimate referred to. 13 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 9. An estimate of the charge of her Majesty's forces in the Island of Minorca, the garrisons of Dunkirk and Gibraltar, and the Low Countries, for the year commencing the 25th December 1713. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 10. An exact account of the sum total which the capital stock of the corporation, called by the name of the Governor and Company of Merchants of Great Britain trading to the South Seas and other parts of America, &c., consisted of, the 25th day of December 1713. (Copy.)

Also another paper on the same subject. 2 *pages.*

— Dec. 25. 11. " An acco^{t} of the quantities and the prices of the underwritten unrated East India goods, sold in eight years, beginning from Chrm̃as 1705 and ending Chrm̃as 1713, with the duties computed thereon, according to the method insisted on by M^{r} Attorney General, and according to the rates proposed to be laid thereon by the Commissioners of the Customs."

Also some other memoranda. 2 *pages.*

— Dec. 25. 12. Arrears due to several of her late Ma$^{ty's}$ French pensioners to Christmas 1713, payable by Edward Nicholas, Esq. 4 *pages.*

— Dec. 26. 13. Weekly certificates by Archibald Douglas, of Cavers, Esq., General Receiver of the land tax, crown rents, &c., and new duties upon houses in Scotland, and paymaster of sallaries, pensions, and allowances there, &c., of all receipts, payments, and remains of land tax, crown rents, revenues, &c., money imprest from customs and excise, arrears of Crown rents, stock of invalid money due before the Union, and new duties upon houses. From 27 Dec. 1712 to 26 Dec. 1713. 52 *double pages.*

Dec. 29. 14. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose copy of a letter received from M^{r} Sibbitt, their storekeeper at Berwick, relating to the bridge there. Dated Office of Ordnance, 29 Dec. 1713.

The copy referred to. His answer to the question :—Who was chargeable for the repair of the bridge, what condition it was in, &c. ? A perpetuity of 100*l.* per ann. was granted by King Charles II. for its repair, and the Mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses were obliged for all time to support it. 10*l.* was yearly allowed at the Exchequer for agency and other fees, and sometimes taxes.

The corporation repaired the bridge as often as necessary. There was no other bridge over the Tweed. The rapidity of the tides, which flowed four miles above it, and the great shoals of ice that came down in the winter often damaged it. Nobody in the county contributed to the repair of it, nor had the town any other fund than the said 100*l.* The bridge was in pretty good condition, but would require at least 300*l.* to be spent on it, a like sum having lately been expended. The corporation did not know what money was in the bank. The town had a letter from M^r Lowndes on the same subject.

Letter of the Mayor and bailiffs on the same subject and to the same effect. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 29. 15. Memorial of John Anstis to the Lord High Treasurer. The money for which the tin was mortgaged in Holland was all paid off. M^r Beranger had paid 4,000*l.* on account of the tin sold there. The money was "paying" for the tin mortgaged in Hamborough. The debt due to the tin here was all discharged. The weekly sum of 2,300*l.* would carry on the service. Dated 29 Dec. 1713.

Minuted:—"31 Xber 1713. M^r Anstis, Sir John Lambert, and M^r Gibbons on Tuesday next ab^t the tyn mortgaged at Hamborow."

Again:—"5 Jan. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. S^r Is. Newton to speak wth S^r J^{no} Lambert ab^t disposing that tyn." 1 *page, quarto.*

Dec. 30. 16. Lord Duffus to "my Lord." Acquainting him with several abuses committed chiefly by the connivance and fraud of the collector of customs in that part of Scotland where he (Lord Duffus) had remained for several months. The collector referred to was M^r Gordon, collector of Inverness, who was brother of Sir William Gordon. The first case he refers to was one of the running of brandy in the port of Inverbraky, near Sir William's house; and this was so publicly done that the whole country affirmed that the collector had a considerable share therein. Dated 30 Dec. 1713.

Docquetted:—"Abuses on the Customes, Scotland." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 17. "A scheme of the application of the supply granted to her Majesty for the service of the publique in the year 1713." Dated 30 Dec. 1713. 1 *large page.*

Dec. 31. 18. "Ireland. An account of the pensions on the military list, 31 December 1713. (No. 7) for M^r Lowndes."

Also list of French pensions in Ireland (No. 8). 10 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 19. Auditor E. Harley to the Lord High Treasurer. Presenting a state of an account exhibited by Tho. Maddocks and others, receivers of the 1,800,000*l.* contributed on the act of the 10th of her Majesty's reign, paid into the receipt of the Exchequer, &c., between 14 July 1712 and 6 Dec. following. Dated 31 Dec. 1713.

The same to the same as to payments between 30 May and 30 Dec. 1712. Dated the same day. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 20. The same to the same, presenting the state of the account exhibited by Edward Gibbon, Esq., appointed receiver of a sum not exceeding 200,000*l.*, part of the two millions adventure. Same date. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 31. 21. Copy of case and opinion of Sir Edward Northey "on private rights as to duties on export & import in Scotland saved by ye articles of Union." Dated Dec. 31, 1713. 1 *page.*

Dec. 31. 22. "Extract of a letter from Edinburgh to the Earl of Mar, December 31st, 1713," as to the importation of arms and ammunition into Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, and Dumfries. Suggests that the officers of Customs should purchase them for the use of the Government.

Minuted:—"19 Janry 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To Commrs Cust. to be careful to send acct to Sec̃ry State from time to time wt armes & ammunicõn are imported, by whom & for whose acct." 1 *page.*

[? End of 1713.] 23. The case of Samuel Power, a collector of the duty on hides, skins, vellum, and parchment, in relation to that duty. Praying for a reward for his scheme for laying on that duty.

Also copy of his letter to Wm Lowndes, Esq., on the same duty. Dated Lincoln, 23 Dec. 1713. 2 *pages.*

VOL. CLXIX. 1713. CLASSIFIED (PART I.).

1. Part of a series of papers relating to foraging troops in Scotland chiefly between 1699 and 1713.

Numbered 21 to 32, one or two missing. 25 *pages or parts of pages.*

2. Six papers connected with lottery affairs in the year 1713. 16 *pages.*

3. Various papers connected with the affairs of the Pay Office, relating to subsistence, off-reckonings, clearings, pay, half-pay, bills of exchange, applications for issues of money, &c., mostly under the signature of J. Brydges, Paymaster General during the year 1713. 69 *papers and enclosures.*

VOL. CLXX. 1713. CLASSIFIED (PART II.).

1. Parcel of papers connected with the affairs of J. Howe, Paymaster of the guards and garrisons for this year. 23 *papers and enclosures.*

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2. Memorials of Sir Roger Mostyn to the Lord High Treasurer, chiefly as to subsistence due to the marine regiments, and one or two other papers relating to the affairs of those regiments. During the year 1713. 16 *papers and enclosures.*

3. Proposals to remit money at certain rates to foreign countries, viz., by Matthew Decker, Theodore Janssen, Nicholas Santini & Co., and John Lambert to Holland, and by John Lambert and James Milner to Port Mahon and Gibraltar. In the same year. 19 *pages.*

4. Memorials, letters, and other papers, connected with the affairs of the Com^rs for Sick and Wounded and exchange of prisoners. Amongst them is a memorial for remission of the taxes to them and their officers, and a list of the same and their salaries. 29¼ *pages.*

5. Five papers relating to supply, granted to her Majesty for the service of the public, for the year 1713. One also relates to the previous two years. 6 *pages and* 4 *parts.*

VOL. CLXXI. 1713. CLASSIFIED (PART III.) AND UNDATED.

1. Letters and other papers touching the affairs of the Com^rs for Transports in this year. 7 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

2. Papers showing the monthly amounts received for fees by various officers at the Treasury, for the same year. 12 *papers and enclosures.*

3. An account of the number of marines lately disbanded and paid off at the respective times herein mentioned, according to the muster taken at disbanding. 2 *pages.*

4. A computation of deficiencies for the marine services for the years 1712 and 1713. 1 *page.*

5. The several sums which appear to have been issued on account of *Rymer's Fœdera* (as they stand in the entries of the Treasury). A note at the end states that the whole number delivered was 4,295 volumes. It might be conjectured that the rate of payment was 2*l.* 10*s.* per sheet, as that sum was paid for several supernumerary sheets. ? 1713 or 1714.

On the dorse is :—" Que. whether some part of ye s^d sums of mony payd for M^r Rymer's Fœdera, were not in consideration of his pains for collating, &c. y^e sayd books, or was all payd to y^e publisher of ye s^d books for printing ye same, or what proportion was payd to either."

Minuted :—" Write to M^r Anstis to know how the respective sums for each volume of Rymer were proportioned." 1½ *pages.*

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6. Estimate of deficiencies to the forces for the years 1710 to 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

7. An account of sums paid and to be paid for the extraordinary services of the war for the forces under the care of the Paymaster General of her Majesty's guards and garrisons for the years 1712 and 1713. 2 *pages.*

8. "The establishm^ts for guards, garrisons, and forces abroad for the last six months anno 1713, compared with the sums allowed by Parliament for the service thereof." 1 *page.*

9. A particular account of the disposition of the sum of 368,418*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* received at the Exchequer by the Hon^ble James Brydges, Paymaster General of her Majesty's forces, out of the aids or supplies for the year 1713, towards defraying the charges of such part of her Majesty's forces as are under his care of payment. 4 *pages.*

10. Distribution of the dividend of the South Sea stock, subscribed in the name of James Brydges, Esq^re, for the use of the public [viz., to Christmas 1713]. 2½ *pages.*

11. A scheme proposed for payment of bills of exchange that are drawn upon M^r Brydges for the service of her Majesty's forces under his care of payment. [Perhaps 1713.] 1 *large page.*

12. M^r Chetwynd's observations on M^r Holbech's account [Office of Treasurer of the Chamber]. ? 1713. 2 *pages, quarto.*

13. Petition of Robert Trelawney, late commissary of provisions to the castle of S^t Philip of Port Mahon in the island of Minorca, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be appointed to collect the royal revenues of the island. ? 1713.
Minuted:—"Write to him to let my Lord know the state of the revenues, if he has any." 1 *page.*

14. "An estimate of the expense of finishing y^e workes already begun at S^t Philip's castle of Port Mahon, as also y^e expence of building barracks & magazines & for the additional projects, every thing being calculated by a cane, being the measure of the country, every cane containing 5 feet in length, & consequently every cubical cane is 125 foot." [? 1713 or later.] 9 *pages.*

15. Report, unsigned, to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the report of the Controllers of the Army Accounts concerning the making good of 9,593*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* due on bills given for 150,000*l.* by Sir John Lambert, Richard Hoare, Esq., and others. The 562*l.* 10*s.* craved by the remitters for discount at 12*s.* 6*d.* per 100*l.* should be allowed, and the sum of 1,578*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* should also be allowed to the remitters. ? 1713. 2 *pages.*

16. Petition of Charles Douglas, Esq., debtor and accountant to her Majesty, to the Lord High Treasurer, and to John Smith, Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, Scotland, and to the rest of the

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barons there, praying that the Com^{rs} of Excise for Scotland might be compelled to render account of their receipts, as they were burthened with the settlement of a claim of Sir Will^{m} Douglas, Kn^{t}, petitioner's late father, to whom the petitioner was executor. "Termino Lammas anno xij^{o} Riñe Anne." 4 *pages.*

17. "A list of warrants and orders signed after the 11th of June 1711, payable out of the 500,000." The last date is 30 Dec. 1713. 1 *page.*

18. "A state of the fund for payment of pensions to the widows of officers of the army arising by the pay of two men allowed on the musters of each troop and company of the forces, the guards excepted, in which only one man ꝑ squadron in the horse and one man ꝑ company in the foot is allowed." [A.D. 1713.] 2¼ *pages.*

19. "Minorca, 1713. An estimate of the royal revenues, wth an acco^{t} of charges and sallaries thereon." Signed, "Jos. Gascoigne." 2½ *pages.*

20. Memorial of John Basket and John Hatley, of London, stationers, on behalf of themselves and others, in answer to the memorial of Owen Lloyd, stationer, to the Lord High Treasurer as to the supply of parchment. ? 1713.

Also an affidavit and a bill of parchment delivered by Owen Lloyd and Company by orders from the hon. the Commissioners for managing her Ma$^{ty's}$ stamp duties, and a table of the prices of parchment and paper. 6 *pages.*

21. Memoranda of arrears due from the British Government to the Archbishop of Cologne for forage furnished to the Prussian troops between 1708 and 1713. 1 *page.*

22. Account of sums appropriated for sea service anno 1713; also for guards, garrisons, and land forces. 23 *pages or parts of pages.*

23. "Tallys deposited with the bank." [Undated, but after July 1713.] 1 *page.*

24. Notes concerning the duty of 4½ per cent. on the produce of the Caribbee islands. [? After 1713.] 1¼ *pages.*

25. Memoranda as to a suit between Parker and Davy, joint agents for prizes "in the Falmouth Cornewall." ? 1713 or later. 1¼ *pages.*

26. Copy of the petitions of several Protestant refugees for their estates in the French part of S^{t} Christopher's.

The following were the petitioners:—Alletta de la Coussay, of S^{t} Christopher's; Paul Minvielle de Bonnemeres; Mary and Margaret de Nampon, French refugees; Catharine Fraise, a French refugee, and Martha Assailly, daughter of Peter Assailly, late of S^{t} Christopher's, planter, in behalf of herself, mother, and sisters. [? 1713.] 5 *pages.*

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1713. 27. The contents of the accounts and papers transmitted to the Lord Treasurer by General Nicholson from Boston, in New England. Also directions given by the Lord Treasurer thereupon. [? End of 1713 or 1714.] 2½ *pages.*

28. A paper "concerning the duties on white salt made in Scotland." [? 1713.] 2 *pages.*

29. "Proposals for a very easie tax to raise between two and three millions of money per annum (if not a greater sum) in the room of the land tax." Also, "Proposals for the further encouraging the woollen manufactures of this kingdom in foreign parts." Printed in 1713. 12 *printed pages, quarto.*

VOL. CLXXII. 1714. JANUARY—13 FEBRUARY.

1713-14. 1. "Estimate of her Majesty's guards & garrisons, &c. in Great Britain, for the charge thereof, for the year 1714; and an estimate of her Majesty's forces in the plantations, the Island of Minorca, Gibraltar, and Dunkirk, and Flanders, with the charge thereof in the year 1714." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 2. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends an extract from M^{r} Prior's letter showing that orders have been given in France for taking off the duty of 50, or as it is now of 70 sols per tun on British shipping, from the $\frac{4}{15}$th of this month. His Lordship (the Lord Treasurer) will please give directions thereon. Dated Windsor, 1 Jan. 1713–14.

The extract. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 3. Lionel Norman to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Thanked him for favours, and wished him a happy new year. Had calculated the number of salt pans in Scotland, and the amount they made, which would come to 450, 447 Winchester bushels, and would produce by the new duty of 12*d.* a bushel, 22,522*l.* The pans were situate at Kirkcaldy, Preston Pans, Burrowstones, Irwin, and Aire, at all of which coals were used; and in Orkney, Port Patrick, and Wigtown, where turf was used. Dated Edinburgh, 1 Jan. 1713.

On the back is:—"1 Jan. 1713/4." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 4. Report of the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer. Had annexed an account of the gross produce of the duties under their management appropriated for payment of the class orders of the year 1711. Dated 5 Jan. 1713.

The account named. 2 *pages.*

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[? About Jan. 5.] 5. Memorial of George French and Richard Oglethorp, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be satisfied for their attendance for about 14 months for her Majesty's service. They had received but 20*l.* each.

Minuted :—" 5 Jan. 1713. Settled at 10*s.* ꝑ week, ꝑ w^{t} dated 5th Jan^{ry} 1713/14. W^{t} signed." 1 *page.*

[? About Jan. 6.] 6. Petition of the eight doorkeepers of the House of Lords to the Lord High Treasurer, praying an allowance of 100*l.* a session, as they formerly had, the same having been reduced to 50*l.*

Minuted :—" 6 Jan^{ry} $17\frac{13}{14}$. A w^{t} for 50, but not by way of addic̄on to the 50 ꝑ session, but on y^{e} same foot as to the off^{rs} of the House of Com̃ons."

Also a certificate as to the former allowance of 100*l.* 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 6. 7. " State of the tyn deposited at Hamburgh." Drawn up by John Anstis. Dated 6 Jan. 1713–14.

Sir John Lambert and Edward Gibbon, Esq., lent her Majesty upon the deposit of 960 tons of tin at Hamburgh, 60,000*l.* as a collateral security for the money, with interest at 6 per cent. per ann.

Minuted :—" 5 Jan. 1713/14. Read." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 8. Sir John Pakington to [the Secretary of the Treasury]. Respecting the turning over from Newgate to the Fleet Prison of M^{r} Albert upon a *habeas corpus*, without Sir John's knowledge or consent. The latter had him secured in Newgate at the hazard of his life, for receiving 12,000*l.* after he was removed from his office as receiver, and for not paying it into the Exchequer. Hoped the L^{d} Treasurer would direct the money lately recovered from the African Company to be applied to the discharge of his (Pakington's) bond. Dated Westwood, Jan. 6, 1713.

Minuted :—" 3 Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Com^{rs} [of Taxes] disowne their consent to his being turned over. Huggins lr̃e to Att. Gen^{ll} says that the Comm^{rs} had no objection. It appears Huggins had no authority to say thus in his lr̃e. He says Albert is as much in duress as at Newgate. My Lord thinks he should be remanded to y^{e} same prison. S^{r} J^{on} insists on his being remanded as a better security for him."

Also the letter of M^{r} John Huggins and a letter of James Blythyng on the same subject. 3½ *pages.*

[? About Jan. 7.] 9. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from Lord North and Grey on behalf of the officers of his regiment in London, and others belonging to her Majesty's army in Flanders The officers were deprived of subsistence, unless they submitted to the drawback from Flanders, and a double charge of remittance. Prayed that the colonels or agents might make the stoppages.

Minuted :—" 7 Jan. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Send this to M^{r} Moor." 1 *page.*

Jan. 7. 10. Henry Watkins to M^{r} Lowndes. Had enclosed the " state " required in a letter of the 31st of last month. Asks his (M^{r}

Lowndes') recommendations, so that his labours for the last two years might not be unprofitable. Dated Whitehall, 7 Jan. 1713–14. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 8. 11. Com^{rs} for Trade to the Lord High Treasurer. Giving an abstract of a letter received from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia. There was annexed to the place of Governor a tract of land near James Town (part whereof lay still waste) which, while the seat of government continued there, was very convenient for supplying the Governors with firewood and pasturage for their horses; but since the removal of the seat of government to Williamsburgh these advantages were entirely lost, and the Governors obliged to buy their firing at dear rates. Had been treating with Col. Philip Ludwel, one of her Majesty's Council, for about 40 acres of woodland near Williamsburgh, and found him willing to exchange it for an equivalent out of that part of the Governor's tract which joined to his grounds. The exchange would be advantageous. Dated Whitehall, 8 Jan. 1713–14.

Also a duplicate letter with one or two differences in the signatures. 4½ *pages.*

Jan. 8. 12. J. Burchett to M^{r} Lowndes. The number of men wanted to strengthen the squadron designed for the Mediterranean would be 240, which would complete three-fourth and three-fifth rates. As to the money to pay them, it was uncertain, not being known yet from what ships the men would be taken, but they would be those who had the least wages due. Dated Admiralty Office, 8 Jan. 1713. 1 *page.*

Jan. 11. 13. Com^{rs} of Transports to the Secretaries of the Lord High Treasurer. When M^{r} Mason, the late Treasurer of the Transport service, was put out of the office he was indebted 5,886*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* Did not know what had been recovered of him since by process. Presumed his security was taken by the Queen's Remembrancer, or other proper officer. Dated Transport Office, 11 Jan. 1713.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Micklethwayte; direct him to dispose of the orders for 17,187. 10. 9¾., and the intr. due & to be due thereupon, till they are disposed; and y^{e} orders for 10,000*l.* & the interest to be due thereupon, from the time he disposes them, and to charge himself with the s^{d} interest of 17,187. 10. 9¾., till the same be disposed, and out of ye money to be raysed to pay forthwth 30,000^{li} into the Excheq^{r} as imp̃st m^{o} rep^{d} by him, & to take a tally or tallys for ye same."

Also an account of tallies in the Treasurer's hands. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 11. 14. Report of R. Powys to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Robert Jackson, Esq., Resident at Stockholm, whom her Majesty appointed as her commissary at Stockholm in 1702, when D^{r} Robinson (then envoy extraordinary to the King of Sweden, and afterwards Bishop of London) was sent into Poland. The demand [of 2,150*l.*] made by the memorialist appeared well

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grounded, but he did not think a warrant ought to be drawn for the arrear until his Lordship's pleasure was signified. Dated 11 Jan. 1713.

Also "State of M^{r} Jackson's arrear."

Minuted:—"1 March 1713/14 Read. State the 20*s.* a day to Mids^{r} 1713 deducting what hath been paid him & see what remaines." 3 *pages*.

Jan. 12. 15. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. By direction of her Majesty, asking that estimates of the charge of the garrisons should be prepared, to be laid before Parliament. Dated Whitehall, 12 Jan. 1713–14. 2 *pages, quarto*.

Jan. 13. 16. *Docquetted*:—"An acco^{t} of tallys in the hands of the Treãr. of the Ordnance, wth the discompt theron. Jan^{ry}. y^{e} 13th 1713."

Minuted:—"Read 2 Feb. 1713. Tarry a week or fortn^{t}." $\frac{1}{2}$ *page*.

Jan. 16. 17. "Copy of S^{r} W^{m} Wyndham's report relating to Lieut. Walker's and Commissary Douglas's half pay." Dated Whitehall, 16 Jan. 1713. [Lieut. Walker was late of Col. Wills's regiment of Marines, and Edward Douglas was late Commissary of Stores in Spain.] 1 *page*.

Jan. 19. 18. Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines [W^{m} Gifford and Nich. Roope,] to the Secretaries of the Treasury. Give an account of their proceedings in paying off and disbanding Brigadier Bor's regiment, and enclose two accounts. Dated Rochester, 19 Jan. 1713.

Minuted:—"Read Jan. 20." 3 *pages*.

[? About Jan. 20.] 19. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from Joseph Hornsby, gent., and ——— Jones, widow, executors of the last will of Frances Addison, widow, the relict and executrix of Thomas Addison, Esq^{re}, late one of the Com^{rs} for sick and wounded, as to allowances on the account of that Commissioner.

Minuted:—"20 Jan^{ry} 17$\frac{13}{14}$. This matter is already determined." 1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages*.

Jan. 21. 20. "A list of his late Royal Highness' servants paid by Edward Nicholas, Esq., which the Auditor of the Excheq^{r} and the Clerk of the Pells take half fees, the Teller of the Excheq^{r} take their usual fee of 5 per cent. all w^{ch} fees are paid by the Queen."

Also, "A list of pensions formerly paid at the Post Office, now paid by Edward Nicholas, Esq. The Auditor of the Exchequer take[s] 12*s.* 6*d.* p cent., the Clerk of the Pells 7*s.* 6*d.* p cent., the Tellers of the Exchequer thirty shillings per cent., w^{ch} said fees have been charged to and paid by the persons themselves."

"Mem^{d}. For all other money issued at the Excheq^{r} to Edward Nicholas, Esq^{r}., for her Ma^{ties} service, the Auditor of the Excheq^{r} and the Clerke of the Pells take no fees, the Tellers of the Excheq^{r} take 5*s.* p cent., except money for the poor French protestants upon the foot of 15,000li p ann. as formerly paid them." Signed:—"Edw. Godfrey, January 21, 1713, clerk to Edward Nicholas, Esq."

The paper is addressed to William Lowndes, Esq. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 21. Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Enclose an estimate of the charge of the Office of Ordnance for land service for the year 1714. Dated 21 Jan. 1713–14.

The estimate not now with it. 1 *page, quarto.*

Jan. 22. 22. Representation by the Comrs of Hides to the Lord High Treasurer, as to sums remaining unanswered on the account of Sir William Fazakerly of the 15th 4*s.* aid, and of the land tax and other duties. They had written to Mr Taylor, Receiver for her Majesty's household, setting forth the greatness of the arrears standing out for the land tax for 1711, 1712, and 1713, &c. Send a list of Receivers General in arrear for the land tax and houses, to whom Mr Huggins had to write. Recommend *scire facias* or *capias* to be issued against such as his Lordship should direct. Dated Office for Hides, 22 Jan 1713.

Minuted:—"3 Janru 1713/14. Read." [The day of the month is probably wrong.]

The list referred to. Also a letter from the acting Comrs for raising the land taxes in the city of London. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 23. T. Coke to the Lord High Treasurer. Desiring his Lp to order 300*l.* to be paid to Sir Clement Cotterell, master of the ceremonies, as a present from her Majesty to Count Vandernath, envoy extraordinary from the Duke of Holstein, who was about to depart. Dated Cockpit, 22 Jan. 1713–14. 1 *page.*

Jan. 23. 24. Proposals of Thomas Thwaits to place a seal at the time of importation on all white calicoes, linens or old linens imported, to prove that the customs had been paid, for which seal a sum which is left blank should be paid. Dated 23 Jan. 1713–14. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 25. Report of the officers of the Mint (Peyton and Newton) to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Mr Charles Tunnah and Mr William Dale, for coining in ten years a thousand tons of half pence and farthings, of an artificial metal, which touched like ordinary gold, and for cutting a pound weight avoirdupois into 32 pence. The selling blank copper was forbidden by law, upon pain of death, because of its fitness to be used in counterfeiting the silver moneys; and for the same reason, it might be dangerous to encourage the making of an artificial metal, which touched like gold, and was used in making sword hilts and other wares in imitation of gold. The half pence made of this metal and melted down with a little fine gold, might make a composition very dangerous for counterfeiting gold moneys. "In the last coinage of copper moneys an hundred tons per ann. at the end of six years, occasioned great complaints in Parliament, so as to cause the coinage to be stopped for a year. And after another hundred tons were coined, the nation was over-stocked for four or five years, and therefore six hundred tons might be deemed sufficient for all England, whereof there seemed to be about 500 tons already current." The secret of making this metal, being known only to the petitioners, it had no known intrinsic value or market price; whereas half pence and farthings (like other money) should be made of a metal whose price among merchants was known, and should be coined as near as could be to that price, including the charge of coinage. The people were not nice and curious in taking good copper money, but might be imposed upon by money made of princes metal, instead of the metal proposed. The cutting a pound weight into 32 pence, might be a great temptation to counterfeit such money. For all which reasons they preferred a coinage of good copper, according to the intrinsic value of the metal. Dated Mint Office, 23 Jan. 1713–4.

Minuted:—"27 Jan^{ry} 1713–14. Read, and my Lord agrees with the report."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages*.

Jan. 25. 26. Certificate signed "Tho. Edwards," as to what he knew of M^{r} John Pellett and his family, as well in France as in England. At his recommendation they went to live in the Isle of Ely, where they received the greatest kindness from the Right Rev. Bishop Turner for 12 years. The Bishop being removed they came back to London. He (Edwards) knew that the Prince of Denmark had formerly passed some time at Angers in France, where he well knew and had a kindness for M^{r} du Tems, the minister of the town, who was father (*sic*) to M^{r} Pellett. He (Edwards) advised them to get the late Duke of Leeds (who had also been among them at Angers, the present Duke having likewise lived in their house), to introduce them to his Royal Highness, which his Grace did the same day. The Prince went straight away and recommended them to her Majesty, who ordered three score pounds to be paid them immediately, and a pension of 60*l*. per ann. for the future. Dated 25 Jan. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. 1 *page*.

Jan. 26. 27. Presentment of the Com^{rs} for Salt (England) to the Lord High Treasurer. Thought that the duty on salt in Scotland would not prove considerable enough to set up a distinct commission, and that it should come under the management of the Com^{rs} of Excise there. Would, under his L$^{p's}$ command, send a scheme for their instruction. Dated Salt Office, 26 Jan. 1713. 1 *page*.

Jan. 27. 28. "M^{r} Clarke's acco^{ts} of provisions, &c., supplied Mahon & Horton, and his acco^{t} of charges on the provisions shipped on board her Ma$^{ty's}$ ships of war and transports under the command of S^{r} Hovenden Walker on the late expedition to Canada."

Also an affidavit of the correctness of the account by the said Clark, who is described of Boston, merchant, made before his Excell^{y} Joseph Dudley, Esq., Governor, and the Hon. Francis Nicholson, Esq., Com^{rs} for inquiring into the public accounts of North America. Dated at Massachusetts bay, 27 Jan. 1713–4. 9 *large pages or parts of pages.*

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Jan. 28. 29. Com^{rs} of Works to the Lord High Treasurer. His L^{p} had signified that her Majesty was minded to purchase the mills at Longford of Lord Pagett, which would be of use to supply the canals and basins at Hampton Court at all seasons of the year. Had examined the same, and they would be of great use, and the mills need not be pulled down, nor the rent diminished. The value put upon the same by the agent was 1,500*l.* Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 28 Jan. 1713.

Memorial of the agent showing their value, the fishing excepted, which could not be disposed of by reason of a customary right claimed by the tenants.

Minuted:—"26 Feb. S^{r} Xpr̃ Wren believes this water wilbe of little use, he will bring the plan to explaine himselfe, as also a proposic͠on for reducing the expence of the works." 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 28. 30. Account of the debt in the Office of Works at Windsor Castle for the months of July, August, and September 1713. Signed Chr. Wren and John Ball. Dated Windsor, Office of Works, Jan. 28, 1713–14. 1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 31. Com^{rs} for Victualling to M^{r} Harley. Send a state of what was due to M^{r} Hodges on bills of exchange drawn on them by M^{r} Alonso Vere, their agent at Gibraltar. M^{r} Hodges' request to be paid 10,000*l.* in part of what was due to him was reasonable. Dated Victualling Office, 29 Jan. 1713.

Accompanied by the "State" referred to, M^{r} Hodges' petition, and a former letter of the Com^{rs} on the same subject.

Minuted:—"12th [Feb. 1713–14] 10,000^{li} South Sea Stock and the Victuallers to be wrote to, to adjust how much of these bills are for land, and how much for sea service. W^{t} for y^{e} stock signed." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 32. Report from the agents of the tin affair in Cornwall to the Lord [High Treasurer] about the bringing up tin from Cornwall quarterly, as before the pre-emption. Dated Tin Office, Truro, Jan. 29, 1713.

Also the petition of the masters of the tin ships for liberty to bring up tin quarterly. 2¼ *pages.*

[About Jan. 29.] 33. Petition of Hugh Batho, of the city of Dublin, gent., to the Queen. Soon after the rebellion of 1641, Robert Carew passed a patent in trust for John Meach of the lands of Killykihan more, Killykehan begg, and other lands in the Barony of Clonally and county of Fermanagh. Never could make as much as would pay a third of the quit rents, and took no care of the lands, and by length of time the bounds seemed to be lost, and the collectors not knowing where the lands lay were greatly in arrear of quit rent. Petitioner had married the daughter of John Meach and the lands were made over to him as part of his wife's portion; and tho' he was at great expense to make out the metes and bounds of the lands, yet they lay waste and could not be set for a fourth or a third of the quit rent. Prays for a remission of the arrear and a reduction of the yearly quit rent. Undated, but about 29 Jan. 1713–14, for in the *Irish Book*, Vol. VI., p. 352, is a letter of the Earl of Oxford, dated 29 Jan. 1713, enclosing this petition. 1 *page.*

Feb. 2. 34. Com^{rs} of the Navy to M^{r} Lowndes. Send an estimate of the debt of the navy as it stood on the last of December 1713. Dated Navy Office, 2 Feb. 1713.

The estimate of the navy. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 3. 35. Memorial of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, praying for an allowance to Charles Brattell and his clerk, who had supplied the place of his brother, late her Majesty's Assay Master, ever since his decease. The salary of the Assay Master was 200*l.* per annum, and that of his clerk 20*l.* per annum. Dated Mint Office, 3 Feb. 1713.

Minuted :—" Ordered." 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 36. M^{r} Secretary Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. The Queen had commanded him to acquaint his Lordship that, in consideration of the good services performed by M^{r} Drummond, her Majesty's commissary to treat for the settlement and preservation of the trade of her Majesty's subjects in the Spanish Low Countries, her Majesty thought fit to make him the same allowance as was made to the Residents in her Majesty's service abroad. The sum amounted to 1,344*l.* He had still under his care the definitive treaty of commerce between the subjects of her Majesty and the Spanish Low Countries. Dated Whitehall, 3 Feb. 171$\frac{3}{4}$. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 37. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of the Court of Directors of the United East India Company, who prayed that the proceedings against them in the Court of Exchequer as to duties on unrated goods might be stayed until the end of the next session of parliament. They had, on the contrary, ordered their solicitor to do all he could to bring it to a hearing. Also on another memorial as to the rates proposed to be laid on the goods. Dated 4 Feb. 1713.

Minuted :—" 10th Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Read."

Three memorials and the report of Robert Stephens, solicitor to the Com^{rs} of Customs. 9 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 38. " An estimate of the expenses of her Ma$^{ty's}$ civil government for one year, according to the present establishments & other appointments now in use; with a proposition for new establism^{ts}, to commence from Lady day 1714, and such retrenchm^{ts} as may bring the whole charge within the real produce of the Civil List fonds, and observations upon each head of expence." 1½ *large pages.*

Feb. 4. 39. Report of the Controllers of Army Accounts (P. Medows and James Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer on several papers relating to wheat delivered for the use of the garrison of Gibraltar by order of Col. Ralph Congreve, Lieut.-Governor and commander-in-chief there. They agreed with the Com^{rs} for Victualling that it could not properly be paid for by that office, not being for the use of the navy, but for the garrison. The practice had been that when the price had exceeded what could be reasonably charged upon the subsistence, a portion had been paid from thence, and the overplus provided for as the nature of the service would admit. Dated Privy Garden, 4 Feb. 1713–14.

Copy of the report of the Com^{rs} of Victualling and other papers. 11 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 40. W. Popple, on behalf of the Com^{rs} for Trade and Plantations, to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. The Com^{rs} had received the Lord Treasurer's commands to report how the affairs of her Majesty's several plantations might be put into such a method as to be able to support the whole charge of their government. Their L^{ps} desired to have an account of the annual expense of the respective plantations. Dated 4 Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—" 10 Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$. To M^{r} Blathwayt, the Aud^{r} Plantations. To payma^{r} guards & garrisons. To Ordnance. L^{res} sent." 1 *page.*

Feb. 6. 41. " An account of pensions which stood charged on the Civil List of Ireland on 6th Feb^{ry} $17\frac{13}{14}$. For M^{r} Lowndes." 10 *pages.*

[About Feb. 8.] 42. Memorial of the Earl of Forfar to the Queen. After the Union her Majesty had assured his father that he should have an equivalent for his post as one of the Lords of the Treasury, and until such provision should be made that his pension of 300*l.* per ann. should continue. The pension was 1,000*l.* in arrear. Her Majesty had also granted a pension of 200*l.* per ann. towards memorialist's education, amounting to 1,800*l.*, of which 400*l.* were due. Praying for payment of these arrears. Had run himself about 3,000*l.* in debt in her Majesty's service.

" R. Feb. 8, $17\frac{13}{14}$."

There is a statement of the case on the back, ending :—" So that what is now desired is all matter of grace and favour."

Minuted:—" W^{t} signd for 1,400^{li} the 2^{d} Apr. 1714." 1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 43. Francis Gwyn to M^{r} Lowndes. In answer to his letter of the 4th inst., enclosing a memorial of Sir Henry Belasyse concerning the chaplain and town major of the garrison of Berwick, as also the gunners of the castle in Holy Island. The two former were included in the estimate, and the gunners had been reduced upon the last establishment of 1713, as in A.D. 1700, after the peace of Ryswick. Dated Whitehall, 8 Feb. 1713/4. 1 *page, quarto.*

[? About Feb. 9.] 44. Memorial of the Com^{rs} for Sick and Hurt Seamen to the Lord High Treasurer, setting forth the debts due to the office, (24,348*l.* 4*s.* 8$\frac{3}{4}$*d.*).

Minuted:—" 9 Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$. To be here on Fryday to explaine the ar̃les." *Again*:—" 12 Feb. 1713/4. Send this to M^{r} Cesar to make a dem^{d} for this to be paid out of S. S. stock, if he have no objection."

Also another petition and schedule, a list of foreign bills of exchange, and salaries of officers employed in foreign ports and now returned to England, for which no bills had been drawn. 8 *pages.*

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[? About Feb. 9.] 45. Petition of Other, Earl of Plymouth, to the Queen, praying the grant of a lease of certain lands in the manor of Great Saughall and other lands in the co. of Chester.

Minuted:—"9 Febry 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To Mr Survr Genll."

Referred to Alexander Pendarvis, Esq., her Majesty's Surveyor General, to report on. 1 *page*.

Feb. 9. 46. Com^{rs} for Salt to the Lord High Treasurer, laying before his L^{p} the scheme of the management of the duties on salt in England. They thought it necessary that a competent number of the books of the laws relating to the duties on salt, and of the instructions to collectors, supervisors, and officers should be sent into Scotland with the scheme. They had also ordered to be copied their book of opinions of the Queen's counsel on cases that had happened, as well as the cash and general accounts, in order to be transmitted to them. Dated Salt Office, 9 Feb. 1713.

The scheme referred to, and copies of two other papers as to the salt duties.

Minuted:—"11 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To be shewed to M^{r} Baron Scrope & afterwards to be sent to the Com^{r} that shall be appointed to manage the salt duty in Scotland." *Again*:—"Lre̅ sent to M^{r} Att. Gen^{ll} to prepare the draft of a com^{on} to y^{e} Com^{rs} of y^{e} Customes to manage y^{e} said dutys." 8 *pages*.

[? About Feb. 9.] 47. Petition of James Johnson to the Lord High Treasurer. Was engineer and a warrant officer near twenty years, first under General Jacob Richards, in the Venetian service, and afterwards in Spain and Portugal, under the Earl Gallway. Preserved 750 barrels of gunpowder from falling into the hands of the enemy after the battle of Almanza, which were by his care conveyed by sea from Valentia to Tortosa. Prays to be admitted to half-pay.

Minuted:—"9 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To Ordnance." 1 *page*.

[? About Feb. 9.] 48. Memorial of Brigadier John Corbet to the Lord High Treasurer. The Duke of Marlborough and his party, seeming to be ashamed that nothing had been done for him after his long services in the late war, and particularly at the battle of "Tanieres," procured him the government of Maryland to get rid of him. His great expense about that government, and his further charge for his equipage to serve under the Duke of Ormond as brigadier in the last campaign, had brought him much into debt. Prays that a moiety of the appointments that are kept in the hands of the President and Council of Maryland for the Governor might be paid to him till his patent was superseded.

Minuted:—"9th Feb^{ry} 1713. Letter writ to Com^{rs} Trade." 1 *page*.

Feb. 10. 49. "Extract of General Nicholson's letter to M^{r} Sec^{ry} Addington about the disposing of her Ma$^{ty's}$ stores, brought over by him, &c., and Gov^{r} & Council's answer & advice thereupon, &c." The stores were those returned from the late expedition to Canada.

The last is a copy. Dated Boston, 10 Feb. 1713. 3 *pages*.

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Feb. 10. 50. An estimate of the charge of her Majesty's guards and garrisons in Great Britain, and the forces in the plantations, for the service of the year 1714. Dated Pay Office, 10 Feb. 1713. 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 11.] 51. Petition of the clothiers of the marine regiments to the Lord High Treasurer, asking payment of the off-reckonings for 26 months.

Minuted :—" 11 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To S^{r} Roger Mostyn." 1 *page.*

Feb. 11. 52. Report of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army (Medows and Bruce) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^{r} Thurston. Saw no reason why the petitioner might not pay in to the Paymaster-General's Office, the moneys remaining in his hands upon account of the company at Newfoundland. Further advised that Robert Shields, serjeant, and David Thomas and other private sentinels in the independent company at Newfoundland should be paid a bounty of 8 or 10*l.* per man, and that several sums might be paid to Capt. Moody out of the balance to be paid to the paymaster. Dated 11 Feb. 1713–14.

Minuted :—" 22 June 1714. To M^{r} How." 2 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 11.] 53. Petition of Mary Cocks alias Godfrey, daughter and administratrix of John Cocks, late council chamber keeper, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of the money disbursed by her father for stationery and household necessaries used in the appartments at the Cockpit, Whitehall, for the Com^{rs} of the Union.

Minuted :—" 11 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. Read. 100^{li} allowed in full."

Also the detailed account. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 12. 54. " Auditor Harley's report [to the Lord High Treasurer] about transportation of men from Anapolis" to France in the year 1710. Dated 12 Feb. 1713.

Minuted :—" 26 Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. If M^{r} Brydges have stock in his hands, my Lord is content this sum should be paid, provided the whole be set *in super* according to the said report."

The memorial referred to. 3 *pages.*

[? About Feb 12.] 55. An account of the several persons standing in debt to the revenue on salt in Hilary term 1714, and the proceedings that have been made against them, and what has been recovered. [Hilary term ended 12 Feb.] 10½ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 56. Report from the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade on a petition of M^{r} Swymmer for an escheated estate of one Kupuis, late of Jamaica, deceased. [The petitioner had married the mother of William Kupuis, and had long enjoyed the estate.] Also on the petition of Johanna Kupuis, widow, and others, relations of William Kupuis, praying for relief in the matter of the said estate. They set forth that William Kupuis, native of the province of Utrecht, being naturalized in Jamaica, purchased the estate and died intestate. The Com^{rs} say that her Majesty may grant the same to whom she sees fit ; and they recommend that another inquisition shall be taken, as they are informed the valuation of the jury is much less than it ought to be. Dated Whitehall, 12 Feb. 1713–14.

The first-named petition is not with it, but the second is. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 12. 57. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Was every day expecting the arrival of the Commissaries from France who were to treat on matters of commerce, and it was very necessary her Majesty's Commissaries should in all respects be prepared to meet them. Found that they could not go into the house appointed for them, for want of coals, candles, and other necessaries. Desired his L^{p} to issue money on account. Dated Whitehall, 12 Feb. 1713–14.

Minuted:—"17 Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$. 100^{li} allowed at p̃snt." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages, quarto.*

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Feb. 13. 1. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Doctor George Oswald, son and heir of Sir James Oswald of Fingleton, in relation to claims on his late father, for which he was answerable, through the death and bankruptcy of Charles Murray of Hadden in connexion with the excise. Advise that her Majesty should order a discharge. Dated Edinburgh, 13 Feb. 1713–14.

Minuted:—"27 Mar, 1714. My Lord will rep̃sent this as a compassionate case to y^{e} Queen. The warr^{t} remitted wth this rep^{t}. Read 24 May 1714. W^{t} sign'd 26th June 1714." 5 *pages.*

Feb. 13. 2. Report of the same to the same on the petition of Charles Kinard, Esq., on behalf of John, Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn, certifying that "by the 'Retour' upon which the said Earle was served heir, he holds no lands simple ward," and that there was chargeable "on the said earl as the taxtward, marriage and other retour'd duties," 357*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* and that 97*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* further would be due when he was of age. They had nothing to object against her Majesty discharging the Earl [from these claims]. Dated Edinburgh, 13 Feb. 1713–4.

Minuted:—"Read 24th May 1714 & the draft of a warr^{t} transmitted by y^{e} Barons agreed to. W^{t} signd 4th June 1714."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 3. Francis Nicholson to the Hon. M^{r} Secretary Harley. Sends several accounts and papers and a list of them. Has just written

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to Mr Auditor Harley, giving him the best account he could of affairs. Dated Boston, 17 Feb. 1713–14. 1 *page.*

Feb. 17. 4. "Copy of a report made to the House of Commons by Mr Serjeant Richardson the 5th of May 1711, but the said report being not read in the House, the same is not entered in the journal of that session of Parliament." Signed "Paul Jodrell Cl. Dom. Com̃. 17° Feb. 1713." The report was made on the petition of Sir Robert Adair, Knt., and the officers, soldiers, and others of the late garrisons of Londonderry and Inniskilling in Ireland. It relates to their claims for the defence of Londonderry, and for services in the late reign. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 18. 5. Certificate signed by the members of Parliament and gentlemen of the county of Kent, addressed to the Lord High Treasurer in favour of Mr Joshua Paramor. Recommending him as a riding officer of her Majesty's customs. Dated 18 Feb. 1713. 1 *page.*

Feb. 18. 6. Lionel Norman to Wm Lowndes, Esq. If there were anything more required in relation to the salt [duties] would do his utmost to furnish it. He took the best time to furnish what was now before Mr Lowndes, for they had advanced the price of salt to double what it was lately, and would now scarce reply to any question as to what they really made annually. The Board was forming the draft of a new Establishment with all imaginable unanimity. Dated Edinburgh, 18 Feb. 1713–14. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 7. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. On occasion of the death of Mr Wm Denne, solicitor of coast bonds, had looked into the conduct of that business in order to enable them to recommend a successor. Mr Denn had acquainted them that the prosecuting part [for coast bonds] was wholly in the court of Exchequer, which generally issued process in Hilary and Easter terms. He kept no books of entries of bonds undischarged &c., and had not concerned himself to look after the prosecutions. Were prevented by a minute of the Treasury from recommending a properly qualified successor. Dated 19 Feb. 1713.

Minuted:—"12 [May 1713]. The Comrs say it is a necessary qualification he should know the practice of the law, wch Mr Burgoine does not. Copy of that part of Mr Godolphin's letter wch concernes his sallary to be sent to the Comrs customes to enquire into presidts." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 8. Memorial of Mr Paynton, receiver of her Majesty's revenues in South Wales and Monmouthshire, to the Lord High Treasurer. Represents a state of his account for the year ended at Michaelmas 1712. The revenue books not perfectly distinguishing the tenants that are fee farmers, from others, and some houses, mills, wears, &c., being gone and going to decay, and some tenants complaining of being overcharged, the accountant advised a general survey. 19 Feb. 1713.

The state referred to. 3½ *pages.*

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1713–14. Feb. 19. 9. Auditors Harley and Foley's state of the final account of Henry Baker, Esq., late solicitor for the affairs of the Treasury from Mich. 1705 to 25 March 1711. Dated 19 Feb. 1713.

Copy of the same, with some little variation at the end.

Also M^{r} Aud^{r} Bridges' state of M^{r} Henry Baker's account, between 24 Nov. 1696 and 29 Sept. 1697. 8 *pages.*

Mar. 3. [? N.S.] *i.e.* Feb. 20. 10. Lord Strafford to the Lord High Treasurer. The latter had promised to pay his L^{p} 1000*l.* owing to him for his extra extraordinaries. Had made a distinction for what journeys they were, being all by special order and for special service. The first was to be informed of the affairs of the peace, and to bring back the seven points settled with Mesnager. The next to give an account of the negotiations at Utrecht, at the time the Queen made her long speech to the parliament. The other was to the army, to carry the Duke of Ormond her Majesty's resolutions about taking possession of Dunkirk, and declaring the cessation of arms. When he came over on his own affairs, and for the honour of having the garter, did not pretend to reckon anything, being over recompensed. Neither had he any more pretensions of extra-extras, tho' he might reckon the great entertainment he made on the proclamation of the peace, which was by order: nor did he reckon another which cost him a great sum of money on the Queen's birthday. Would be satisfied with tallies bearing interest. Dated Hague, 3 March 1713–4. 2 *pages, quarto.*

Feb. 20. 11. Report of the Com^{rs} for stamp duties to the Lord High Treasurer. One Charles Osborne had brought a proposal purporting to be for the better securing of the duty on cards. Find that the proposal tends only to obviate any fraud the officers sent to the card makers to seal and stamp the cards may be guilty of, by marking more cards than the duty is paid for, and the remedy proposed is to bring one card of each pack to be stamped at the Stamp Office. The proposal is impracticable as the law stands. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 20 Feb., 1713.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. 1714. The projector to see this report."

The proposal. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 12. Estimate by the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer, viz., of the charge of enlarging the gallery at S^{t} James's House, between the guard-chamber and the chapel, by her Majesty's verbal command. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, Feb. 20, 1713–4.

With this order on the back:—"Let this work be performed, taking care her Ma^{ty} be eased in the expence thereof as much as may be, but in no case to exceed the estimate. Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 20 February, 1713–14. Oxford." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 22. 13. The Earl of Mar to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received from M^{r} Lowndes a representation with some letters from the Com^{rs} of Customs in Scotland, giving an account of insults committed upon their officers in several ports there, in the execution of their duty. Had read over all the papers and found that the Com^{rs} of the customs at Edinburgh had consulted the Lord Chief Baron and the Lord

Justice Clerk thereon, and they were going to prosecute before the Justice court the principal actors in the abuses complained of, which was the most proper expedient he could think of for preventing the like disorders for the future. Suggested also that the rigour of the law should be extended to such masters of ships as suffered the custom house officers to be insulted. As to quartering the forces in the principal seaport towns the Commander-in-chief of the forces was the most proper person with whom to advise. Dated Whitehall, 22 Feb. 1713.

Minuted:—" 22 Feb. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Extract y^{e} 1st p^{t} for y^{e} Comm^{rs} Custom and the last part for y^{e} D. Ormond."

Five other letters and papers relating to the insults complained of by the officers of customs. 10 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 22. 14. Petition of Francis Herbert of Oakely Park in the county of Salop, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner was heir to the R^{t} Hon. Henry, Lord Herbert of Chirbury, who was entitled to a grant from King William of 1,500*l.* per ann. out of the Cofferer's office, of which there was an arrear of three quarters of a year due at his death in 1691. Praying payment of the 1,125*l.*

Minuted:—" 22th Feb. 1713. M^{r} Powys to state this."

Also copy of a warrant suspending the above allowance. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 15. A memorandum as follows:—" The estimate for a cannopy of state and other necessarys thereto belonging, with the furniture for the chappell for the Lord Bingley, ambassador to the King of Spaine, comes to 382*l.* or thereabouts. Tho. Dummer, 22 Feb^{ry} 1713." 6 *lines.*

Feb. 24. 16. An account of several sums to be provided for the forces upon the establishment of her Majesty's guards and garrisons, &c., for the year 1713, exceeding the sum voted by parliament for the service of the said year. Signed " J. Howe." Dated Pay Office, 24 Feb. 1713. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 17. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends copy of a letter written by direction of her Majesty to the Secretary-at-War. Asking the Lord Treasurer to direct the Paymaster of the forces to give all assistance to the Secretary-at-War in the accounts to be laid before parliament. Dated Whitehall, 24 Feb. 1713–14.

Minuted:—" 26 Feb. 1713/14. Write to the payma^{rs} accord^{ly}."

The letter referred to. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 24. 18. Report of M^{r} William Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Anne Brittain, convicted and fined 20*l.* for receiving stolen goods, and committed to Newgate until the fine was paid. She was a miserable object of charity, having two children, but she had been a notorious offender, and had committed the like offences even whilst she lay in prison. Dated Feb. 24, 1713–14.

The petition referred to, and a certificate of the churchwardens and others of the parish of S^{t} Giles-in-the-Fields (Midd.) in her favour. 3 *pages.*

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Feb. 24. 19. Petition of Charlotte Jussell, widow and relict of Henry Jussell, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner's husband was called into England to be King Charles the Second's library keeper, and never received any salary. Petitioner had enjoyed a pension of 60*l.* per ann. in consideration of her husband's service and the loss of a considerable estate in France ; praying payment of what was due.

Also certificate of the truth of the above. Signed, P. Laroche, Feb. 24, 1713–14.

Minuted :—" 24 Feb. 1713. Order'd." 1 *page.*

Feb. 26. 20. Report of the Com^{rs} for Salt Duties to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Slyford and John Hodgson, both of London, gentlemen, who had invented new ways of making salt in England, as well from sea water as from English salt springs, and from rock salt, &c., for which they prayed a patent. The petitioners proposed to improve the Newfoundland fishery, but it would cause an abatement in the importation of foreign salt, which would prejudice the revenue. The Com^{rs} could not approve the project. Dated Salt Office, 26 Feb. 1713.

Minuted :—" Read 9th March 1713/4. My Lord agrees with the Com^{rs}' reasons ag^{t} y^{e} proposal within men$\widetilde{co}$nd."

Two petitions, a letter, and another report on the same subject. 7$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

Feb. 27. 21. " A certificate of the receipts of Thomas Moore, Esq., for the services under his care of payment, and of the disposition thereof as directed by the Treasury " from 13 to 27 Feb. 1713. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 22. Petition and case of Charles Palmer to the Lord High Treasurer. He claims to have made great improvements in the excise duties, for which he was promised 500*l.* a year. Prays for performance of the promise (being upwards of 70 years of age), and also for his disbursements (upwards of 750*l.*)

Minuted :—" Feb. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. 10^{li} given him." 1 *page.*

March 1. 23. M^{r} Auditor Harley's report for allowing extraordinary payments made by the late Treasurer of the Chamber. Dated 1 March 1713–14.

Minuted :—" 15 June 1714. Read. A warr^{t} to be prepar'd." 1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

March 2. 24. Report of R. Powys to the Lord High Treasurer on the letters (1st) of Mary Cole, widow of Robert Cole, deceased, late her Majesty's consul at Algiers, praying payment of three bills of his extraordinaries due to her said husband, which were allowed by her Majesty's Secretary of State ; and (2nd) of John Lodington, brother and agent to Benjamin Lodington, her Majesty's consul at Tripoli, praying payment of two bills of the like nature. The sums under the first demand amounted to 791*l.* 11*s.*, amongst which are the costs of two slaves, one of which escaped and the other was conveyed away, and under the second demand to 490*l.* 15*s.* Neither of the places were under the regulations for extraordinaries. If his L^{p} allowed any extraordinaries, the sums should be ascertained, which they ought not to exceed. Dated 2 March 1713.

Mary Cole's letter shows that his Lordship had some time since directed the payment of her husband's arrears for his ordinary entertainment as her Majesty's agent and consul general at Algiers. Asks that she might receive his three years bills of extras, expended for the preservation and improvement of the important peace which had lasted for 23 years. 100*l.* of these disbursements had been directed by the Principal Secretary of State to be annually paid by her husband for a stipend to a chaplain there. Several gratuities were also paid to the officers of the king's house on the two yearly solemn festivals of the Turks. Dated 10 Feb. 1713.

Minuted:—"Qr what allowances they have for consullage. Mr Baker, who was formerly consull as well at Algier as at Tripoly, says the consulage at Algier in time of peace may be computed one year with another to be worth about 200li a year and that of Tripoly 100li a year.

"22th Aprill 1714.

"Send Mr Baker's letter to Comrs Transports, to give my Lord what accot they can of the escape of the slaves. Letter from Comrs Transports, with a certificate from Sir Edwd Whitaker, is inclosed." 4 *pages.*

March 2. 25. Report of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer as to a proposal of Mr Eyres, a copper refiner in Southwark, to purchase old brass guns from them, which he says would not sell for above 60*l.* a ton. It would not be for her Majesty's service to dispose of them. The metal would cost the office 100*l.* a ton. Dated 2 March 1713. 1 *page.*

March 2. 26. Report of the same to the same. Her Majesty had been overcharged 826*l.* 10*s.* 9½*d.* for sloop hire, which the owners ought to reimburse. Also as to a bill drawn by Sir Hovenden Walker. Dated 2 March 1713.

Also an account of money paid for sloop hire. 2 *pages.*

March 3. 27. An account of the ordinary and extraordinary expense of her "Majestyse" household, chamber, chapel, and stables for one quarter ended the last of September 1713. Dated St James', 3 March 1713.

Minuted:—"10th Mar. 1713/4. Mr L. is to speak wth my Lord Steward about a weekly & a qůly paymt to the household." 1 *page.*

March 3. 28. Sir Chr. Wren to the Lord High Treasurer. Had reviewed the rules for the Office of Her Majesty's Works, and had proposed such alterations and additions as occurred to him on the present general model. Had drawn out the rules in one column, and remarks and proposed alterations in the other. Dated Office of Works, 3 March 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 3. 29. John Ward to William Lowndes, Esq. Had enclosed Mr Sloper's letter. Mr Bridges had no South Sea stock. Hoped his Lp would direct it to be paid, by some other office as the money was long due. The transporting these garrisons to France was of absolute necessity, and our ships being there were taken to do it. It was very hard that they should be forced to such endless solicitation, and even be willing to take South Sea stock, so much worse than money, rather than be troublesome to his Lordship. Dated Hackney, 3 March 1713.

Minuted:—“10th Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$. See whether any others are in ye same circumstances with the petr in respect of mo owing on bills drawn by Mr Nicholson.

“24 April 1714. A direction to Mr Moor that when he shall have any S. S. Stock in his hands, applicable to the satisfaction of these bills of Excha, that he pay the same, taking care that the money be placed *in super* upon Nicholson & Dudly as by the report.

“19 July 1714. Wt signed.” 2 *pages*.

[? About March 4.] 30. “Abstract of the duplicates of assessments of the new duties upon houses anno 1711, return’d by the justices of the peace of the shires after-named to Archibald Douglas of Cavers, Recr Genll, and of the paymts made out of the said shires preceding the 4th March 1713.”

Also abstract of returns made to the same receiver by the surveyors of the new duties upon houses, anno 1711, out of the respective collections of excise after named. 2 *pages*.

March 4. 31. Comrs of Victualling to Mr Lowndes. Did not find that such a quantity as 20,000 bushels of French salt could be procured, there being but little French salt in town, for which 10*s*. a bushel at least was demanded. The quantity necessary to be expended for victualling 10,000 men in the navy would not exceed 8,000 bushels, and they hoped it might be bought for next year at 9*s*. or 9*s*. 6*d*. per bushel. Dated Victualling Office, 4 March 1713.

Four other papers relating to salt in Scotland, one of which is minuted, “10 Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Read, and a lr̃e signed to bring the salt wch now lys dispersed to the ports.” 10½ *pages*.

March 4. 32. Report of Mr H. Howorth, Receiver General of North Wales and Cheshire, of the state of his accounts as they stood at Michaelmas 1713; giving the items. Dated 4 March 1713. 7½ *pages*.

March 4. 33. Report of the Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Mr John Short, Accountant General of the Customs, and general inspector and adjuster of damages on wine and tobacco in North Britain. Were of the same opinion as in their former proposal, that the salary for the office of accountant general might well be saved. The Auditors and Comrs of Equivalent were far greater checks on the Controller General than any accountant. They found his insinuations to be entirely false. Mr Short’s want of knowledge of tobacco had rendered him ridiculous with the merchants. Port Glasgow required close attendance on the score of tobacco, at least three months in the year. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 4 Mar. 1713–14.

Also the petition and certificate on the same subject. 4 *pages*.

Feb. 3. and March 5. 34. “Account of reports relating to Recrs General of Public Taxes for allowances.” Also “List of reports for allowances for Receivers General of the Public Taxes.” With reports on them appended by the Com^{rs} for Duties on Hides. Dated 3 Feb. and 5 March 1713. 2 *pages*.

March 5. 35. Lords of the Admiralty to Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, enclosing copies of letters received from the Navy Board and Com^{rs} for sick and wounded seamen, giving an account of the several services which had occasioned excesses in the expense of the navy since Michaelmas 1710. Dated Admiralty Office, 5 March 1713–14.

The copy of the letter from the Com^{rs} of the Navy accompanies the above, but the other letter is not now with it. 5 *pages*.

March 5. 36. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Had written by the Queen's command, to the Duke of Ormonde, that the three regiments in garrison at Gibraltar should be relieved as soon as possible. The same directions were given to the Secretary-at-War. One of the principal motives which her Majesty had to change the garrison was, the apprehension that the regiments might mutiny if deductions were made out of their pay to answer the charge of provisions delivered to them. His L^{p} would give directions for the deductions to be made from the regiments then going. Dated Whitehall, 5 March 1713–14. 2 *pages*.

March 6. 37. Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines to M^{r} Lowndes, sending an account of their proceedings to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 6 March 1713–14.

The report, containing a narrative of their proceedings and an abstract of the payments made on account of each regiment, together with the difficulties they had required to surmount.

Minuted:—"10 March 1713/14. To the Muster Master Gen^{l} of Marines to make up such general rolls as proposed." 5 *pages*.

March 6. 38. Francis Gwyn to M^{r} Taylor. Sends an account for the Lord High Treasurer's information, of the sum necessary to pay the bounty money, &c., upon disbanding four regiments of foot in Ireland, and one of horse and one of dragoons. Dated Whitehall, 6 March 1713–14.

The account named. 2 *pages*.

March 6. 39. Report of Mess^{rs} Hunter and Layton, Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines, on the memorial of Col. Walter Palleser and Lieut. William Dawes, of Lieut. General Wills' late regiment of marines. On disbanding the regiment it did not appear that the 100*l.* claimed was due. The paymaster of the marines was the most proper person to give an account of the subsistence of the regiment. Dated 6 March 1713–14. 2 *pages*.

March 9. 40. Report of the Com^{rs} for Stamp Duties to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of Anthony Boys. Had caused the accompanying anonymous letter, signed D.L., to be advertized, but the person who wrote it did not come forward. Had examined M^{r} Horson and M^{r} Hitchcock named in the letter, as to an assignment of lottery tickets and other deeds. Conceived that before the petitioner Boys received any favour he should make discovery

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of all his estate, and convey it to trustees to pay his debts. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, 9 March 1713.

Letter of T. Harley, enclosing the letter named, another report of the Com^{rs}, and the petition of Anthony Boys, a prisoner in Newgate. 7¼ *pages.*

March 9. 41. Sir Bibye Lake to the Lord High Treasurer. Respecting debts due from M^{r} Robert Peters, late Receiver General of Hertfordshire, which he had proposed should be paid out of the off-reckonings of certain marine regiments, &c. Dated 9 March 1713.

Minuted:—"10 March 17$\frac{13}{14}$. My Lord has ordered the acco^{ts} of the marine reg^{ts} to be made up from the rolls."

Six other papers connected with these affairs. 8 *pages.*

[? About March 9.] 42. Petition of James Merest and Gerard Fitz Gerald, clerks attending the service of the House of Commons, to the Lord High Treasurer. The House of Lords had recommended the clerks, &c. of that House, by address to her Majesty, for recompense by salary, in consequence of their losses by the orders of the House. The petitioners likewise prayed her Majesty's bounty.

Minuted:—"9 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. My Lord saies the revenues will not admit of any new charges, but in regard the under-clerks and mess[enge]rs of y^{e} ho of Com̃ons, and also the mess^{rs} of the h^{o} of Lords have had something given them as a bounty, upon a p̃tence of losses in their fees, during the time the Act for a gen^{ll} naturalizac̃on was in force, his Lord^{p} will give these 2 pet^{rs} something on y^{t} acco^{t}, in proporc̃on to what has been allowed y^{e} clerks of y^{e} h^{o} of Com̃ons" (*sic*). 1 *page.*

[? About March 10.] 43. Memorial of the Trustees for the Genoese loan to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received very pressing letters from the Marquis Sauli to solicit his Lordship for payment of the loan of 180,000*l.*, lent in his name, and that of the Marquis Balby. The interest and 7,219*l.* 8*s.* of the principal had been paid. Hoped his L^{p} would order the remainder of the principal.

Minuted:—"10 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. My Lord would know if Xm̃as divid^{s} be included. Se y^{e} state of the acco^{t} and Como's pretenc̃ons to be heard." 1 *page.*

March 10. 44. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to M^{r} Lowndes. Respecting frauds committed by persons who received moneys out of the office by false powers. Had received information in Oct. 1710 that Thomas Smith, Samuel Cloud, and Richard Edy, had employed several persons to come to the board and pretend that they belonged to her Majesty's ships-of-war, in order to be sent to the London Hospital for cure, and to be subsisted at her Majesty's charge till they could be admitted, sometimes continuing long, as the hospitals were full. Edy and Cloud were taken up and found guilty of the misdemeanour. Edy died before sentence, and Smith escaped. Cloud was in the Queen's Bench, and offered to make discoveries. Had taken steps to prevent the recurrence of such abuses. Submitted whether Cloud should be further examined. Dated 10 March 17$\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—"12 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. The Comm^{rs} are best judges w^{t} course is fit to be further taken." 3 *pages*.

[? About March 10.] 45. Petition of Lieut. Henry Power to the Lord High Treasurer, praying to be appointed commander of one of the sloops to be employed by the Com^{rs} of Customs to prevent the running of wool. Had served her Majesty in the navy 18 years, six years as lieutenant.

Minuted:—"To speak to S^{r} W^{m} Wyndham." *Again*:—10 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To Comm^{rs} Customes." 1 *page*.

March 10. 46. Report of the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer. Had reconsidered their estimate for repairing M^{rs} Hartstounge's lodgings in the Mews, and had presented another in two different articles, the one for fitting up the lodgings as they were when Madam Hill had them, and the other to finish the additional new room. Dated Whitehall, Office of Works, 10 March 1713/14.

The estimates referred to. 2 *pages*.

March 11. 47. Report of the Barons of the Exchequer of Scotland to the Lord High Treasurer. Had examined the warrant for granting to James Earl of Bute the lands, earldom, and barony of Bute, upon his own resignation, as also for the "few" duties formerly payable to the Castle of Dumbartoun, out of the Isles of Bute and Comray [or Cumbray] on the resignation of James Duke of Montrose, who, and the Duke of Lennox and Richmond, his "author," held the same few duties "blench" of the Crown for payment of one penny Scots yearly, &c. Found that the signature contained a *Novo damus* and erection of the lands into an earldom, lordship, and barony, and that the Earl of Bute had purchased the few duties from the Duke of Montrose, &c. Dated Edinburgh, 11 March 1713/4.

Minuted:—"W^{t} sign'd 26th June 1714." 1 *page, faded*.

March 8 and 12. 48. Two estimates of the charge of bringing home three regiments of foot from Gibraltar, and of transporting as many thither to relieve them. Dated 8 and 12 Mar. 1713/4. 2 *pages*.

March 12. 49. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer concerning M^{r} Todd, collector in Suffolk, who desired to be removed to the Marlborough collection. They saw no cause for so doing. Dated Excise Office, London, 12 March 1713. 1 *page*.

March 12. 50. Report of M^{r} Hunter and M^{r} Layton, Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines, to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the petition of Lieut. Dawes, paymaster of Lieut.-General Wills's late regiment of marines. The allegations of the petitioner were true, and he would be prosecuted for the money borrowed by him to pay the men who embarked for Dunkirk unless his Lordship directed payment. Dated 12 March 17$\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—"12 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. S^{r} Roger Mostyn to make a demand in case he has no objection." 3 *pages*.

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March 12. 51. Lords of the Admiralty to Lord Bolingbroke. Enclose copies of letters received from Sir Roger Mostyn, Paymaster General of Marines, and the Com^{rs} who lately disbanded the regiments, giving an account of the moneys which had been issued last year for clearing the marine forces. Dated March 12, 17$\frac{13}{14}$.

The two letters and an estimate. 6½ *pages.*

March 13. 52. Officers of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending their observations upon the particulars in their estimate for land service, to which his Lordship had objected. Dated Office of Ordnance, 13 March 1713. 1 *page.*

March 13. 53. A list of several of her Ma$^{ty's}$ pensioners that are paid to Michaelmas 1713 and Christmas 1713, payable out of Edward Nicholas, Esq$^{re's}$ office. Dated on the back 13 Mar. 1713/4. 2 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

March 14. 54. Samuel Lynn to M^{r} Lowndes. Would obey the Lord High Treasurer's directions in making up entire general muster rolls of each of the six marine regiments as soon as possible, but for the reasons given it would take twelve months. Hoped his L^{p} would give him an allowance for the clerks who were necessary for the work. Dated Whitehall, 14 Mar. 1713/4.

Minuted:—"18 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. To S. Roger Mostyn to consider & with his observations to report his opinion."

Also copies of a memorial to the Lords of the Admiralty relating to the making up the general muster rolls, and of a certificate on the same subject. 6 *pages.*

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March 15. 1. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. The Com^{rs} for the settlement of the poor Palatines in Ireland had applied to his Grace to transmit the enclosed duplicate of their representation, to be laid before her Majesty for her consideration. His Grace hoped his Lordship would interpose with her Majesty on their behalf. Dated Dublin Castle, 15 March 1713.

The duplicate referred to, dated 4 Apr. 1713, which is fully abstracted in this calendar under that date. 4 *pages.*

March 15. 2. Thomas Cremer to Richard Powys, Esq. Stating that the Bishop of London desired him to move the Lord High Treasurer for payment of his (the Bishop's) allowances due on the 9th inst., the day of his return from Utrecht into her Majesty's presence, as her Majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary for a general peace.

Desired also payment of 187*l.* 10*s.* for the expense he was at in transporting his goods, &c. into Holland. Both of the sums were far short of what they cost him. Dated Somerset House, 15 March $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Also the bill. 2 *pages.*

March 15. 3. William Paterson to ———. Sending three schemes of the present state of annuities for 99 years and 32 years. Expected it would be in this as it was more than . . . . . years ago with the proposition of the Bank, wherein against numbers of empty doubts and scruples for above three years together, all terminated in,—How we should find the money? Upon another occasion there was the same question. He now answered it that there was a proposition prepared, by the which the money might be raised at about 5 per cent., and the funds could be completed in three months by passing an Act of Parliament. Dated Westminster, 15 March $17\frac{13}{14}$.

The three schemes. 4 *pages.*

March 17. 4. Memorial of the merchants concerned in the bills drawn by M^{r} Chetwynd on the Hon. James Brydges, Esq., for corn and other necessaries provided for her Majesty's army in Spain.

Also copies of letters relating to the same matters.

"R. Marc. 17, $17\frac{13}{14}$." 5 *pages.*

March 17. 5. A dividend of the off-reckonings due to the marine clothiers from 25 Apr. 1711, amounting to 46,030*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* Dated March 17 $17\frac{13}{14}$. 2 *pages.*

March 17. 6. Report of W^{m} Borrett to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Joshua Williams, clerk to Sir Robert Reymond, her Majesty's Solicitor General. The clerks had heretofore been paid by the Treasury for reports and other business done. The annexed paper contained an account of the said business. Had moderated the demands to what he thought should be allowed. Dated 17 March $17\frac{13}{14}$.

The petition and paper referred to. 4½ *pages.*

March 17. 7. Representation of Robert Davers, Esq., Auditor of the Excise, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to an allowance of salary to clerks for the duties on candles, hops, &c. Dated Excise Office.

"R. Marc. 17, 1713/14."

Copy of warrant relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

March 17. 8. Memorial of J. Holbech to the Lord High Treasurer for the supply of the Maundy money and for "the daily alms & poor at gate." Dated March 17, 1713. 1 *page, quarto.*

March 18. 9. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Richard Ferries, Esq., desiring that Francis Long, jun^{r}, might be approved by his L^{p} as deputy to his son, who was a Queen's waiter in the port of London. They did not object. Dated 18 Mar. 1713.

At the foot is the approval of his Lordship.

The memorial mentioned. 2 *pages.*

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March 18. 10. Com^{rs} for disbanding the Marines to M^{r} Lowndes. Enclosing their report on the petition of the subaltern officers of the four regiments of marines lately disbanded, and praying for the Lord High Treasurer's directions about the contingent charges for their meetings in connexion with that business. Dated March 18, 17$\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—"Read 27 Mar. 1714. They are to lay before my Lord an estimate of what the whole charge proposed may amount to. The report sent to Sir Rog^{r} Mostyn.

"23 Aug^{t} 1714. To S^{r} Roger Mostyn to hasten the acco^{t} of w^{t} is due to the subalterns." 1 *page.*

March 19. 11. Report of the Com^{rs} for duties on hides to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Edward Conway, Esq., Receiver General of the land tax, 1713, for the counties of Chester, Denbigh and Flint, praying that process against him might be stayed. They could not think it reasonable that the process should be stayed, and moved that his Lordship would supersede his commission. Dated 19 Mar. 1713.

Minuted:—"22 Mar. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. M^{r} Conway to apply to the Comm^{rs} and lay w^{t} he has before them, to ease his debt, that they may come prepared on Thursday to give their opinion w^{t} is fit to be done."

The petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

March 19. 12. Memorial to the Lord High Treasurer from Sir William Fazakerly, Kn^{t}, and others, trustees for taking in a loan of 500,000*l.* on the security of 666,000*l.* South Sea Stock transferred to them. The time had expired for repayment of the loan, and they asked directions as to what answer they should give to applicants. Dated 19 March 1713.

Minuted:—"23th Mar. 1713/4. They are to acquaint the Lend^{rs} that they shall be paid out of y^{e} first money that shall be granted by parlt." 1 *page.*

March 20. 13. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, sending an account of the gross produce of the duties appropriated "for payment of the class orders," 1711. Dated 20 March 1713.

The account named, signed:—"Robert Paul ꝑ Comp^{r} Gen^{l}, 20 March 17$\frac{13}{14}$." 2 *pages.*

March 20. 14. W. Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends by the Queen's command a copy of a memorial received from M^{r} Bonet, the King of Prussia's Resident, concerning the report made by M^{r} Brydges on his demand of the arrears alleged to be due to his master's troops that served in Italy in the last war. Asks what answer is to be given to M^{r} Bonet. Dated Whitehall, 20 March 1713/4.

The copy referred to. 4 *pages.*

March 20. 15. Copy of an order made at a General Court of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, on 20 Mar. 1713/4, viz.: that M^{r} Baker their Treasurer should wait on the Lord High Treasurer and pray his L^{p}'s directions to the officers of the Exchequer for payment of 4,000*l.* out of the First Fruits and Tenths. "By order of the Governors, John Chamberlayne, Secretary." ½ *page, quarto.*

March 22. 16. Report of the Officers of the Mint to the Lord High Treasurer, showing the amount and value of tin at the Tower and in the hands of the agents for tin in Cornwall and Devon and in Hamburgh, Holland, and elsewhere. The total was 5,289 tons 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs., and the price 411,127*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* Dated Mint Office, 22 March 1713/4. 1 *page.*

March 22. 17. James Bruce, Controller of Army accounts, to ———. Relating to the rules as to assignments of off-reckonings for the clothing of the army. Encloses her Majesty's instructions. Dated Privy Gardens, 22 Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$.

The instructions are not now with the letter. 1 *page.*

March 23. 18. Copy of letter from the Board of Trade to Lord Bolingbroke, asking for an appointment with his L^{p}, to consider the claim of some French Protestants settled in S^{t} Christopher's before the war, and the settlement of all the French part of the island, together with the revenue there. Dated Whitehall, 23 March 1713/14. 1½ *pages.*

March 23. 19. Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Laying before his L^{p} the petition of several officers of her Majesty's trains of artillery who served abroad, and asking him to intercede with her Majesty to recommend them to the House of Commons. Dated 23 March $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—"24 March $17\frac{13}{14}$. To be sent to M^{r} Windsor to lay bef . . . . . ."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[? About March 24.] 20. Petition of Rachel Briggins, widow of John Briggins, glazier, deceased, to the Lord High Treasurer. Petitioner's husband broke his leg all to pieces by a fall, and though he had the advice of 14 surgeons, yet his leg was forced to be cut off, from which he died, leaving four small children. The money due for his work at the Savoy had been paid. Prayed to be allowed to go into one of the empty houses at the Savoy for a habitation.

Minuted:—"24 Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$. She has her debt & must be content." 1 *page.*

March 24. 21. Memorial of Thomas Moore to the Lord [High Treasurer] for the payment of 15,555*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* and 40,241*l.* 2*s.* due to Matthew Decker, Esq., on a deposit of 69,435*l.* South Sea stock, advanced for her Majesty's forces in the Low Countries. Dated Pay Office, 24 Mar. $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Minuted:—"25 Mar. 1714. Read." 1 *page.*

March 24. 22. Postmasters General to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. M^{r} Gallwey was never employed in this office, and they were strangers to the business he performed between Dover and Calais, and could be no judges of his case, or the service for which he prayed payment.

Had received the enclosed letter from Mr Buck, their agent at Dover, in answer to the directions from the Lord Treasurer, and took occasion to observe that Capt. Gallwey, who was the person named in the extract of the letter from Dublin (relating to recruits raised for the Pretender passing through Dover for France), was the same mentioned in Mr Buck's letter. Dated General Post Office, 24 March 1713. 1 *page.*

March 24. 23. James Meyrick to the Lord High Treasurer. Had for several years spent his time and money in keeping up the interest of just and loyal men to serve in Parliament, and had been a great sufferer by the late King James to the value of 2,500*l.* Had waited twelve months in hopes of being preferred by his Honour. Was born in Herefordshire, near to Croft Castle, was related to Bishop Croft, and bred up by him, and was first recommended to Mr Harley by Sir Herbert Croft. Was capable of employment as a Queen's waiter, or as a Comr of Appeals or of Hawkers and Pedlars, &c. Dated 24 March 1713.

Minuted:—"24 Mar. 1713/4. Send this to Mr Lambert." 1 *page.*

[? Feb. or March.] 24. 17$\frac{13}{14}$. "New Year's [gifts] for the accot of the clerks of the Treasury"; also New Year's gifts for the accounts of Mr Lowndes and Mr Harley, 1714.

These are schedules of sums payable to different officers. 6 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

[? About March 25.] 25. A list of all the commissioners, clerks, and officers belonging to the Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c., with their salaries, and the sums assessed thereupon for taxes: distinguishing how much thereof has been paid to Lady Day 1708, and how much since to Lady Day 1714. 1 *page.*

[? About March 25.] 26. Account for postage of letters by the Trade and Plantation Office, from Christmas 1713 to Lady Day 1714. 1 *page.*

March 25. 27. [Mr Auditor Godolphin] to the Lord High Treasurer. As to payment of the rent of a house and the repairs of the same, which he had held of Mr Vanbrugh, who enjoyed it as controller of the works. Dated 25 March 1714.

Minuted:—"Send this to the works." 1 *page, quarto. Signature cut away.*

March 25. 28. Arrears payable by Spencer Compton, Esq. To be paid by her Majesty's command. Dated Mar. 25, 1714.

Minuted:—"Paid 27 Mar. 1714."

Only two items. 1 *page, quarto.*

[About March 26.] 29. Petition of Patrick Gallwey, commander of "The Bolingbroke" yacht, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment for his services between Dover and Calais, after the rate of 400*l.* per ann., or 20*l.* for every express.

"R. March 26, 1714."

Referred to the Postmasters General to report on, 6 April 1714.

Also certificate of his services from her Majesty's messengers. 2 *pages.*

March 26. 30. Lord Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Asking his Lp to countersign a warrant signed by the Queen for an allowance of 8*s.* a day to Lord Mark Kerr from the time the command of a regiment was given to him. Dated Whitehall, 26 March 1714.

Minuted :—"Wt sign'd." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 26. 31. Francis Gwyn to [the Secretary of the Treasury]. Enclosing his report as to what was due to the Earl of Portmore, to be laid before the Ld Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 26 March 1714.

Minuted :—"29 March 1714. Read." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 27 32. The same to the same (Mr Lowndes). Had transmitted to Mr Brydges several papers and accounts relating to the officers of eight companies of invalids, having no objection to the procuring of some relief for those poor officers, and the people who credited them, if the Parliament thought it reasonable. Dated Whitehall, 27 Mar. 1714.

Minuted :—"Read 29th Mar. 1714. Mr Gwin p̃sent. He says Mr Bridges has acq̃ted him that he is ready to deliver his acct to ye house." 1 *page, quarto,*

March 29. 33. The same to the same. Had received a letter from Mr Conduit, Commissary General of stores and provisions at Gibraltar, and an estimate of the expense of bringing provisions into the storehouse there. It seemed necessary that speedy orders should be sent to the Commissary General, as there were not much above two months' provisions in the place. Dated Whitehall, 29 Mar. 1714.

Copies of the letter and estimate named.

Minuted :—"30 Mar. 1714. See Conduit's Comn & Instruccõns, wch, as supposed, did issue from the office of Secr̃y State. The Commrs Victualls to take these papers & report." 5½ *pages.*

March 29. 34. Report of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded Seamen to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Peter Levermore, their late agent at Portsmouth, approving of his having the dividend due to him from South Sea stock. Dated 29 Mar. 1714.

Minuted :—"24 May 1714. Agreed." 2 *pages.*

March 30. 35. Report of Mr R. Powys to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of George Delaval, Esq. Her Majesty, on 26 Oct. 1710, directed the payment of 5*l.* a day for his ordinary entertainment as envoy extraordinary to the King of Portugal, and on 20 Dec. 1710 an allowance of 3*l.* a day as plenipotentiary to the King of Portugal and to the Emperor of Fez and Morocco. The former had been paid to Midsummer 1713; on the latter only 273*l.* had been paid, so that there remained 2,529*l.* due at Midsummer, if it were thought fit to pay him. Dated 30 Mar. 1704 [which must be a mistake for 1714].

Minuted :—"6 Aprill 1714. Whether Mr Delavall was at Marocco. Whether the Queen has not paid others for treating with Marocco, and whether he had inst. as plenipo. If so, whether by l̃re from the Secr̃y this pt of his power was not superseded."

The memorial referred to and a letter from the memorialist. 4 *pages.*

March 30. 36. Representation by the Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer of the debts in the Office of Works at Windsor Castle. Dated Windsor, Office of Works, 30 March 1714. 1 *page.*

March 31. 37. "Necessaries wanting to proceed on the survey with one of the transports ordered me by her Majesty's instructions bearing date the 21 July last."

There is nothing to show who the person was, but he received his commission on 31 July and claimed his salary "to this 31st day of March 1714." The expedition required 35 men for 18 months. 1½ *pages.*

March 31. 38. A list showing the names and pensions of his late Royal Highness's Danish servants for three-quarters of a year to Lady Day 1714. Signed E. Nicholas. Dated 31 March 1714.

Minuted:—"Lre sign'd 1 April 1714."

There is also a list of three other pensioners. 2 *pages.*

April 1. 39. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had for some time put a stop to all expenses not necessary for the service of the Government. Several persons could not support themselves without their pensions. Enclosed a list of them, that he might receive her Majesty's directions whether she would allow them to be paid as formerly. Also desired her Majesty's pleasure upon the list of civil and military pensions and half-pay officers lately transmitted. Dated Dublin Castle, 1 April 1714.

Minuted:—"6 April 1714. Make ye list more pticular by setting downe wn granted & consns, and my Lord will then take ye Q's pl." The list named. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 1.] 40. Memorial of the States of Liege, relating to the arrears due to the troops of Hanover and Holstein.

Minuted:—"1 Aprill 1714. Send this to ye Secr̃y at Warr." 1 *page.*

April 2. 41. "Memorandum from Peter Laroche in behalf of Bernard de Vigneau. April 2d 1714."

Bernard de Vigneau prayed for the arrears of his pension, which he had enjoyed ten years before her Majesty came to the Crown, by the particular recommendation of the late Queen Dowager and the late Prince of Denmark.

Minuted:—"26 May 1714. To be paid to Midsr 1713." 1 *page, quarto.*

March 25 and April 2. 42. "25th March 1714. A list of his late Rll Hss' servts & al. brought by Mr Nicholas," showing the pensions due to them.

Also, "2d Apr. 1714. List of severall of his late Rll Hss' servts & al. not yet paid to Lady day last."

The last is *minuted*:—"Lr̃e sigñd 13th Apr. 1714." 9 *pages.*

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April 3. 43. W. Bromley to M^{r} Lowndes. Her Majesty ordered that M^{r} Lowndes should prepare an account of the deficiences arising upon an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of her reign, for granting a subsidy on wines and merchandises imported, to be laid before the House of Commons. Dated Whitehall, 3 Apr. 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

April 5. 44. Copy of letter from W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., to W^{m} Popple, Esq. Enclosed by the L^{d} High Treasurer's directions copies of petitions of several Protestant refugees, praying to be restored to lands in S^{t} Christopher's, taken away by the French during the late war, to be laid before the Com^{rs} for Trade to report on. Dated Treasury Chambers, 5 Apr. 1714. 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

April 6. 45. An account of the annual expense of the plantations respectively, so far as the same concern the office of ordnance, "viz. at Barbadoes, Annapolis Royal, and Placentia." Dated 6 April 1714.

"Rs. 7 Aprill 1714." 1 *page.*

April 6. 46. Report of the Lord Chief Baron (Ward) to the Lord High Treasurer respecting what was fit to be done as to "making forth" five Exchequer bills of 100*l.* each, in lieu of the like number sworn to be lost. Was of opinion that four of the bills should be renewed on good security as the Act directed. Dated 6 Apr. 1714.

A previous report of the Attorney General, the petition of Samuel Nelson, the petitioner in the case, and 10 other documents connected therewith. 17 *pages.*

April 7. 47. E. Lewis to Richard Powys, Esq. In answer to his letter relating to M^{r} Delaval's commission of plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Morocco. His full powers and instructions were dated 2 Dec. 1710. They were the same as were given to the Duke of Argyle on 25 July 1712 and afterwards to Captain Paddon on 31 Jan. $17\frac{12}{13}$. Conceived M^{r} Delaval had not been within the dominions of the Emperor since his appointment. Did not know that it had been signified to him in Lord Dartmouth's time, that either his commission or allowance should cease; nor did it appear at the Secretary of State's office whether the Duke of Argyle or Captain Paddon had any appointments on account of their commissions. Dated Whitehall, 7 Apr. 1714.

Minuted:—"19 April 1714. Consider whether the Privy Seale will authorize his pay as plenipo. to Portugal & Morocco, w^{n} nothing was acted in consequence thereof at Morocco: and by his mem^{ll} he owns the plenip^{o} to Morroco was accidentally added."

The queries to which the above letter was the answer. 3 *pages.*

April 7. 48. Account of unappropriated moneys paid into the Exchequer from Michaelmas 1710 to 2 April 1714.

At the foot is:—"In obedience to her Ma$^{t's}$ commands on an address of this Hono^{ble} House this acco^{t} is stated and humbly presented by me, W. L. 7 April 1714." 4 *pages.*

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April 7. 49. W. Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends by the Queen's command copy of a letter received by M^r^ Bridges relating to the subsidies to foreign Princes and States, and the arrears remaining due to foreign troops formerly in her Majesty's service. Dated Whitehall, 7 April 1714.

The copy named. 2 *pages, quarto.*

April 8. 50. Report of the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn) to the Lord High Treasurer on the rates of postage for letters between this kingdom and the Island of Minorca, through France. Mons. Torcy, Postmaster General in France, agreed to their proposal, that the "port" of letters and packets to be conveyed to and from this kingdom and Minorca through France should be accounted for by this office to the Post Office of Paris, on the same foot as the port of letters to and from Great Britain and Turkey passing through France by way of Marseilles. Proposed in order to pay for the packet boat, which was to go every 14 days between Port Mahon and Marseilles, to receive of all letters and packets to be conveyed between this kingdom and Minorca through France the same rates of postage as were settled by Act of Parliament for letters and packets passing between this kingdom and Turkey by way of Marseilles; as also at Port Mahon, the further rate of one real plate for each single letter (somewhat [above 6*d.*), two reals plate for each double letter, &c. Dated General Post Office, 8 April 1714.

Minuted:—"22 April 1714. Agreed. W^t^ signd."

On another page is a copy of the "8th article of the treaty between the two post offices of Great Britain & France," and the charge for the "port of letters to and from Turkey."

Pinned to it is a receipt, signed Geo. Holme, for his allowance, given to Robert Cole, Esq., her Majesty's Agent and Consul General in Algiers. Dated 10 Aug. 1712. 4 *pages.*

April 8. 51. Report of M^r^ Auditor Harley to the Lord High Treasurer on Major John Webb's account of money received and paid for the fortifications at Gibraltar in the years 1706 and 1707. The principal officers of the Ordnance had reported that there were no muster rolls of the workmen produced, and that there were many other and great defects and irregularities in the accounts, viz.: 1^st^, great complaints had been made by the Earl of Galway as to the ill-condition Gibraltar was in, after all the expense about the fortifications there; 2^ndly^, great sums had been laid out in repairing houses there, pursuant to Col. Elliott's, the Governor's, direction, contrary to the intention of the Earl of Galway; 3^dly^, Major Webb's accounts were very irregular as to vouchers; 4^thly^, as to four of his accounts, Col. Bennett (who, as chief engineer, was to examine and sign them) acquainted the Officers of Ordnance that he always protested against them, but was forced by Col. Elliott to sign them. Submits whether the defects of muster rolls and receipts of daily workmen, of whom 100 or 120 appeared daily employed, might not be dispensed with on certain conditions. Gives a state of the account

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compared with the daily bills. This account was but a small part of what had been paid for the fortifications at Gibraltar, &c. - Dated 8 April 1714.

Minuted :—"25th Febry $17\frac{17}{18}$. Send an attested copy of this report to the Commrs of Accots of the Army." 6 *pages.*

April 8. 52. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends the petition of William Burgh, Esq., Accountant General of her Majesty's revenue, praying a consideration for his extraordinary services in balancing and stating the public accounts of the last session of Parliament. Had previously been allowed 300*l.* for like services. Dated Dublin Castle, 8 Apr. 1714.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

April 9. 53. Mr Robert Lowther to the Lord High Treasurer relative to the accounts, enclosed, of Charles Thomas, Esq., deceased, which he had directed the Committee of Public Accounts to settle. Had also directed Col. Berwick, her Majesty's Casual Receiver, to adjust Thomas's accounts which related to casual revenue. In obedience to her Majesty's commands would depart for England towards the end of the month. Dated Barbadoes, 9 Apr. 1714.

"Memd. Mr. Lowther was in England before this lr̃e was rec̃d, and there were no accots enclosed." 2 *pages.*

April 9. 54. Report of the Comrs of Customs, Scotland, to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of the Duke of Athol, Earl of Mar, General Ross, and Alexander Grant, Esq., in behalf of themselves and other proprietors of the fir woods in Scotland. Garmouth and Findhorn (two of the places mentioned therein) were creeks belonging to the Port of Inverness, and though Ardmore, on the Firth of Tay, was not taken notice of by the Comrs appointed by the Court of Exchequer for settling the members and creeks of each port, yet that being also in the precinct of Inverness, near to the entrance of which river Port Mahomack lies (which is a creek of Inverness), they conceived that, at the time of shipping off naval stores at the last-mentioned place, the principal officers of Inverness might attend without charge to the revenue. Aberdeen, "Pearth," and Dundee were ports where the necessary officers required by law for the above purposes constantly resided. "Invararey" and Bonna might be taken care of, the former by the officers of Campbeltoun, and the latter by those of Fort William, without increased charge. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 9 Apr. 1714.

Minuted :—"24 April 1714. My Lord has no objection."

Again :—"Wt signd 4th June 1714."

The memorial named and a list of naval officers desired to be appointed at the respective ports. 4 *pages.*

April 10. 55. A state of the deficiency upon the Act passed in the third year of her Majesty's reign for granting to her Majesty a further subsidy on wines and merchandises imported, commonly called the two-thirds subsidy, granted for four years from 8 March 1704 and continued for three years further. Dated 10 Apr. 1714.

Also "the ⅔ addl subsidy of tonne & poundage." 3 *pages.*

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56. Report of Mr William Blathwayt to the Lord High Treasurer on the affairs of her Majesty's several plantations which his Lp was desirous should be put in such a method as to be able to support the whole charge of their governments. The American plantations of her Majesty were of two sorts: the one of proprieties or charter governments, the other of colonies under the immediate government of the Crown. Of the 1st were Carolina, Bahama Islands, Pennsylvania, the charter Governments of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the Massachusetts Bay in New England, the former having governors of their own nomination approved by the Crown, and the latter, of a mixed nature, having governors and other officers appointed by the Crown. The province of Maryland was "a propriety" appertaining to Lord Baltimore; but since the revolution was governed by governors appointed by the Crown. The colonies immediately depending upon the Crown were Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands, Jamaica, Virginia, Bermudas, New York, New Jersey, and New Hampshire. As to the revenues the charter Governments did not hold themselves accountable to the Queen, nor were they any charge to her Majesty. The revenues of the plantations, under the immediate direction of the Crown, were of two sorts, viz., the revenue granted to the Crown for the support of the government there, and accountable to her Majesty and her officers, as in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, where there was the duty of 4½ per cent. upon commodities exported from thence. The other revenues were raised by the respective Assemblies, as they judged occasion might require, whereof they rendered account only to themselves. He then gives particulars of the following places:—

Barbadoes.—The revenue from the duty of 4½ per cent. might yield in time of peace 8,000*l.* per ann., and the casual revenue did not exceed 200*l.* per ann. The Governor's salary was 2,000*l.* per ann.

Leeward Islands.—The 4½ per cent. was estimated at 3,000*l.* per ann. The Governor's salary, 1,200*l.* per ann.

Jamaica.—The revenues arose partly by quit-rents, but chiefly by duties laid by the general Assembly, all appropriated to the support of the Government, fortifications, &c. Salaries of Governor and other officers, 2,500*l.* The annual expense, 5,000*l.*, borne without charge to her Majesty.

Virginia.—The settled revenue consisted of a duty on tobacco exported, on shipping trading thither, and "on persons imported," and of quit-rents reserved to the Crown. The Governor's salary, 2,000*l.* Annual expense, 3,500*l.* It was self-supporting.

Maryland.—The quit-rents belonged to the lord proprietor and one moiety of 2*s.* per hogshead of ——— raised there. The other moiety was appropriated to the Government. The fines and forfeitures were of little value. It was self-supporting.

New York.—The ordinary standing revenue had been discontinued for seven years past. The annual expense was 4,500*l.* A revenue was raised for certain terms by the Assembly till 18 May 1709, since which the Governor and other officers had been obliged to receive such sums as the Assembly thought fit, but not equal to the allowance directed by her Majesty, and in a method derogatory to her Majesty's prerogative and authority there.

Connecticut.—A charter Government, and supported without any expense to the Queen.

Rhode Islands.—A similar colony.

Massachusetts Bay.—The ordinary expense, 10,000*l.* A charter Government supported by themselves, except that they were sometimes furnished with great guns and ammunition from hence.

New Hampshire.—Had small revenues, but sufficient to support itself, amounting to 1,500*l.*, without charge to the Crown.

Bermudas.—The revenues to her Majesty consisted of 60 shares of land, valued at 5*l.* per share per ann., whereof 12 shares were applied to the Governor's salary, and the rest divided among the public officers. The profits from licences to fish for whales, valued at 100*l.* per ann., which were applied to the Governor's salary. 240*l.* per ann. were paid to him from the Exchequer, making his salary 400*l.* per ann.

Pennsylvania, New Castle, and Lower Counties.—Hitherto under the government of Mr Penn, self-supported. The proprietor by his grant of the Lower Counties from King James, when Duke of York, was accountable to the Crown for half the quit-rents and other profits from 24 Aug. 1682, computed at 6,200*l.*, for which Mr Penn had been called upon; but as he was treating for the surrender of the property, there had been "no further prosecution." On the surrender there would be an annual expense for a Governor, &c., and the Assemblies might refuse to make the allowance, as was the case at New York, and the expense to her Majesty would then be about 1,000*l.* per ann.

Carolina.—A proprietary Government, supported by themselves.

Bahama Islands.—Would be in the same case if resettled by the proprietors.

This was the state of her Majesty's plantations before the peace with France, and it would appear to his Lp that they were all self-supporting, excepting (1) Bermuda, where her Majesty might signify to the Council and Assembly that they should make up the full salary to their Governor, and (2nd) New York, for which a bill might be brought into Parliament for raising a revenue to defray the annual expense without charge to her Majesty, excepting also the places where forces or garrisons had to be maintained.

St. Christopher's.—One half of the island had been added to her Majesty's territories in America by the treaty of peace. A fort or fortification would be at least required on the French side of the island.

Nova Scotia.—Her Majesty had now an undisputed right to Nova Scotia or "Accadie" (that country being almost uninhabited). A provision for the expense of the fort or garrison of Port Royal, or Annapolis, would doubtless be continued by Parliament for the protection of the fishery.

Newfoundland.—This island and Placentia had been ceded by the French, and there would be an annual expense for the fort and garrison, if not for some fortification on the east side of the island. The whole island was not otherwise capable of inhabitation, except by some few poor people near the sea, during the winter, for their "stages" and warehouses, the necessary expense for which Parliament might continue without any imposition on this important fishery, for which the western adventurers and others concerned had always expressed a great unwillingness.

Hudson's Bay.—This territory was now entirely in the Crown, and belonged to a company able to support itself without expense to her Majesty. Dated 10 April 1714. 9 *pages.*

April 10. 57. Report of the Com^rs^ of Victualling to M^r^ Lowndes on the memorial of M^r^ Edward Hughes, respecting the non-acceptance of a bill of exchange drawn on them by M^r^ Alonso Vere, their agent at Gibraltar. Dated Victualling Office, 10 April 1714.

Also the memorial. 3 *pages.*

April 10. 58. Report of the same to the same on two letters, one from M^r^ Conduit, Commissary for the stores and provisions at Gibraltar, the other from Francis Gwyn, Esq., Secretary-at-War, relating to the victualling of the garrison there. Same date. 4½ *pages.*

April 10. 59. W. Bromley to W^m^ Lowndes, Esq. Signifies her Majesty's pleasure that he should prepare an account of all sums paid to the Highland Clans in North Britain since the year 1688, with the names of the respective persons to whom any such sums have been paid, and by whom, and that it be forthwith laid before the House of Commons. Dated Whitehall, 10 April 1714. 1 *page.*

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April 12. 1. "Charles Harison, his report concerning lycences granted by the Court of Excheq, to compound upon penall lawes, &c., 1713." Dated 12 April 1714.

The names of the persons and the amounts of their compositions are given. 10 *pages.*

April 12. 2. Tho. Earsby to John Taylor, Esq. Explaining certain charges in the bill of incidents about which the Lord Treasurer had made inquiries. Dated Hawkers and Pedlers' Office, 12 April 1714. 2 *pages.*

April 12. 3. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends by the Queen's command the copy of a letter from the commissaries appointed to treat with those of France. Her Majesty was of opinion that the specification of duties payable in Ireland upon French goods imported into that kingdom should be communicated to the French commissaries as they desired. His Lordship would therefore be pleased to order such a specification to be prepared and given to her Majesty's commissaries. Dated Whitehall, 12 Apr. 1714.

The enclosure referred to. 2 *pages.*

April 13. 4. Report of the Com^{rs} for making a new survey of the lands, &c. vested in trustees for the better fortifying of Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, and for ascertaining the damages sustained by the proprietors. Made to the Lord High Treasurer on April 13, 1714. They state that unless the project of making more fortifications for security of the docks should proceed, none of the lands vested in trustees were necessary for the fortifications in being, at Portsmouth, except a piece of beach ground already built upon at Blockhouse Point. As to Chatham and Harwich there were no fortifications. They were of opinion that none of the lands at Portsmouth, Chatham, or Harwich were necessary for the service of the Navy, or for the victualing thereof. The Com^{rs} would sit to hear the claims for damages in consequence of the lands being vested in trustees. The damages were chiefly those claimed by the proprietors of houses and buildings. They submit a schedule of the damages and the amounts, and estimate the whole at 4,219*l.* 0*s.* 0½*d.* The signatures and seals of the Com^{rs} are at the end. 14 *pages.*

April 14. 5. A computation of deficiencies for marine services from Michaelmas 1710 till the 14th of April 1714. 1 *page.*

April 14. 6. Thomas Atterbury to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Had looked into the messengers' bills to let the L^{d} High Treasurer know what was charged therein, for apprehending Cranburn, or any other of the assassins [in William the Third's reign]. Could find no charge for "apprehending Cranburn, or such of the conspirators as were taken (by other persons and not by messengers) upon the issuing a proclamation of 1,000^{l} reward." Enclosed a schedule of such charges as appeared on the messengers' bills for searching for and apprehending several other of the assassins. Dated 14 April 1714.

The persons referred to were:—Sir William Perkins at his house, and at M^{r} Hayward's house in Warwickshire, Sir John Fenwick, Henry Crimes, "Captain Porter, Major Matthews, Goodman, Keys, &c.," Major Bartrum Charnock, Major Lowick, "Thomas Nye, Brown and his wife," Peter Marisco, "John Fauff & William Wilcoxe for a conspiracy agst ye King," Samuel Baston and Montigny, Captain Charnock, Col. Parker; "searching for Porter, Goodman, Redding, Salisbury, and other Drury Lane rioters," Barnesly and Joseph Garret, "Henry Crimes and Godfrey Hartcourt for treason." All in the years 1695 and 1696. 4 *pages.*

April 15. 7. Report of Edward Wilcox to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of M^{rs} Cutts, relating to money expended by Lord Cutts on the repairs of Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight. Had searched Lord Cutts' accounts from 1693 to 1706, being the whole

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time he was governor. For each of the last five years he claimed and had 122*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.* for repairs. Had no objection to his receiving such allowances for the previous nine years if he had produced vouchers. His predecessor, Sir Robert Holmes, received 2,814*l.* 18*s.* 5½*d.* in 23 years, and the Duke of Bolton, Lord Cutts' successor, 279*l.* in three years. Dated 15 Apr. 1714.

Minuted:—"21 Aprill 1714. Write to the Workes to hasten their report."

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

April 17. 8. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the rates, with which it would be proper to fill up the blanks in the bill relating to the duties on unrated East India goods: sending a list of several unrated East India goods, with a rate or value with which the blanks should be filled. Dated Custom House, London, 17 April 1714.

The list of rates referred to. 2½ *pages.*

April 19. 9. M^{r} Lyddell to M^{r} Lowndes. Asking for reimbursement of the taxes they paid on their salaries in the years 1693 and 1694 as Com^{rs} of the Navy. Dated Navy Office, 19 April 1714. 2 *pages.*

April 20. 10. Copy of lease for 21 years from her Majesty to John Hendrick, his executors, &c. of the water mills and mill dams near the bridge of Kilmainham, upon the river Liffey, in the county of Dublin, the water course, salmon weir, &c. Dated 21 Dec., 12 Ann.

"Entred in my office the 20th day of April 1714. W. Burgh, Accomp^{t} Gen^{l}." 2 *pages.*

April 20. 11. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had referred the petition of John, Lord Bishop of Derry, praying to be allowed to receive the profits of the bishopric from the death of his predecessor, to the Com^{rs} of her Majesty's revenue. It depended entirely on her Majesty's pleasure. Dated Dublin Castle, 20 April 1714.

Minuted:—"26 April 1714. My Lord will lay this matter before her Ma^{ty}." *Again*:—"W^{t} signd."

The memorial and the report of the Com^{rs}. 3 *pages.*

April 21. 12. The Com^{rs} of Victualling to M^{r} Lowndes. As to the allegations of the petition of Captain Hugh Montgomery for payment of a bill of exchange drawn by M^{r} Alonzo Vere, their agent at Gibraltar, for 300*l.* Dated Victualling Office, 21 April 1714.

The petition.

Minuted:—"6 May 1714. W^{t} signed for all these bills in S. S. stock as proposed by Comm^{rs} Victuall^{g}." 2 *pages.*

[? About April 21.] 13. Copy of a letter from the [Com^{rs} of Ordnance] to the Lord High Treasurer as to the method of paying the salary of any of their officers on their death, Earl Rivers, the Master General, having ordered himself and his secretary to be paid the March quarter, which they (the Com^{rs}) conceived belonged to the Duke of Marlborough and his secretary.

Also copy of another letter on the same subject.

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Minuted:—"21 Aprill 1714. To go according to the usage of the office, by wch meanes Michs is to be paid to D. of Marlborough, to make good La. day qur belonging to his Grace, but recd by Ea. Rivers." 3 *pages*.

April 22. 14. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. His Lp would remember that her Majesty had directed that orders should be given to Mr Thomson, her consul at Algier, in case he could not by his representations induce the Dey to desist from his demand of satisfaction for two slaves alleged to have made their escape on board one of her Majesty's men-of-war, to make the best composition he could for the value of them, and to draw a bill for the amount. He (Thomson) would probably be obliged to come to a composition. Dated Whitehall, 22 Apr. 1714.

Minuted:—"23 Apr. 1714. Read." 1½ *pages*.

April 23. 15. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the method they had used in making the computation of the duties proposed in their report of the 17th inst. to be laid on the unrated East India goods. Dated Custom House, London, 23 Apr. 1714. 1¼ *pages*.

April 23. 16. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends for his Lp's consideration a letter of the Privy Council of Ireland, together with the report of Mr Kidder, the "Essay" Master there, relating to the making the new pieces of French gold and silver therein mentioned current in that kingdom. Dated Whitehall, 23 Apr 1714.

Minuted:—"29 April 1714. To the officers of the Mint. Sent." 1 *page, quarto*.

April 24. 17. Queries submitted to the Attorney General in relation to the salt duties in Scotland, and his opinions thereon. Signed, Edw. Northey, Apr. 24, 1714. 2 *pages*.

April 25. 18. "The general accompt of her Majesty's revenue of two shillings p hhd, &c. from the 25th of April 1713 to the 25th of April 1714, arising within the colony and dominion of Virginia."

Also certificates of the Governor and auditor of the correctness of the account. 2 *pages*.

[? About April 26.] 19. Petition of Nicholas Courtney, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his warrant to execute the office of steward of East Greenwich, Sayes Court, and other manors of the honor of Greenwich, as the grant of the office could not be perfected in time to hold a Court Leet in the time prescribed by the statute.

Minuted:—"26 Aprill 1714. My Lord would see the Audr's report." 1 *page*.

April 28. 20. John [Bishop of] London to Mr Longueville. Testifies to the truth of what is alleged in Mrs Harison's petition respecting her son, the late Mr Harison's, employment and performance at Utrecht. Upon Mr Watkins being called to his post in the army, Mr Harison succeeded him as secretary of the embassy, and acquitted himself with great integrity and with more application than the ill state of his health would well permit. He was desirous, and it was his right, to carry the treaty of "Barrier," and his mother might, on these accounts, hope for some mark of her Majesty's favour and bounty. Dated Somerset House, 28 Apr. 1714. 1 *page*.

April 29. 21. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of M^r^ Edward Pollington, collector of customs at Newhaven. The salary of 45*l*. per ann. was sufficient for Newhaven and for Shoreham respectively, but they had no objection to his having 30*l*. per ann. if obliged to keep a servant and a horse to prevent the exportation of wool. Dated 29 April 1714.

At the foot is a warrant signed by the Lord Treasurer authorising the payment of the 30*l*. per annum.

The petition. 2 *pages*.

April 29. 22. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. Reminds his L^p^ of the affair of Col. Gibbons, since it was requisite at this juncture that it should be despatched without delay, and desires his L^p^ to order the immediate issue of the money. Dated Whitehall, 29 Apr. 1714.

Minuted:—"8 May 1714. To be considerd next Wednesday." 1 *page*.

April 30. 23. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer respecting the debt of Robert Peters, late Receiver General of Hertfordshire, recommending his L^p^ to direct the assignment of Brigadier Lepells to be paid, &c. Dated Hide Office, 30 April 1714.

Minuted:—"3 May 1714. To M^r^ Brydges for a state of Lepells' off-reckonings, acq^tg^ him with the proposall that is made, and desire his opinion." 2 *pages*.

May 1. 24. "Fish and flesh debentures compared with the excise on salt imported from 1 May 1707 to 1 May 1714." 1 *page*.

May 1. 25. "Equivalent . . . . . due out of the Excise of Scotland from 1^st^ May 1707 to 1 May 1714." (Imperfect.) *A few lines only.*

May 3. 26. Report of Lord Halifax to the Lord High Treasurer on the representation of the Court of Directors of the Bank of England, in which they sought that the overplus beyond the 100,000*l*. appropriated to the Bank might be applied to make good the deficiency from the duties on houses. His L^p^ might apply any unappropriated public money to satisfy a deficiency upon any Parliamentary security; but the most natural way was to supply it by Parliament, as provided by the Act of the 7^th^ year of the Queen. Dated Exchequer, 3 May 1714.

Minuted:—"21 June 1714. See first w^t^ the Parl^t^ shall do in relac̃on to the unappropriated money."

The representation referred to. 3 *pages*.

May 3. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Gold and Silver Wire Drawers, as to drawbacks of duty for gold and silver thread, lace, and fringe, when exported, &c Proposing two clauses in relation thereto. Dated 3 May 1714.

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Minuted:—"7 May 1714. To the Att. Genll to consider and move the house thereupon in case he has no objeccõn."

The petition and clauses. 5 *pages.*

May 4. 28. Affidavits of (1) Henry Smithson and (2) James Woodman and Henry Smithson as to what was due to Smithson for apprehending and prosecuting the persons accused of counterfeiting the coin, and as to Smithson's complaint in his two memorials against Craven Peyton, Esq., for not prosecuting divers coiners. Dated 4 May 1714.

Also two other papers connected with the above. 4 *pages.*

May 4. 29. M. Gilligan to the Lord High Treasurer. Annexes his account of disbursements, the allowance for his service being blank. Asks his Lp to fill up the blank, and that he may receive the balance. Dated 4 May 1714.

The enclosure contains his charges and account current "in negotiating by her Majesty's commission and by instructions some affairs at Madrid and Utrecht." 3 *pages.*

May 4. 30. Memorial of John Jeffreys, late paymaster of her Majesty's artillery in Spain, to the Rt Hon. the Lieut.-General and the rest of the principal officers of her Majesty's Ordnance. After the battle of Saragossa he received orders to go to Barcelona, to procure money for the train. There were altogether 13,068 dollars left with Mr William Lewis at Saragossa, which he took in a small box into Castille. The great iron chest with its tumbrill, and all the papers and accounts were left by order at Saragossa, and afterwards removed for security with the English hospital to Calatayud, where, after the battle of Villa Viciosa, they were lost with the hospital. The accounts and receipts were also lost at that battle, with the whole artillery, baggage, and cash then remaining. What was recovered would not be sufficient for stating the accounts, the greatest part of the train having been killed or prisoners, and among the killed, the controller and commissary. The whole sum lost amounted to 1,584*l.* 12*s.*

At the foot is an affidavit of the truth of the memorial. Dated 4 May 1714. 3 *pages.*

May 5. 31. Henry Neal to the Lord High Treasurer. The enclosed was the account of the produce of the royal patrimony, as it was there "expressed," since her Majesty had been possessed of the island [of Minorca]. The return, amounting to 13,180 dollars, was made by Mr Gascoigne, who was directed by the Duke of Argyle to receive the same. 4,000 dollars more of arrears remaining due to the Emperor would be paid within a month, and this was ordered by the Duke to be applied for the beds of the soldiers. The best estates in the island were exempted from paying anything to her Majesty, under pretence of their belonging to cavaliers, who, in lieu of those payments, were obliged to send horses and men to guard the coasts, which was a service they did not then perform, though they continued to enjoy the exemption. Dated Mahon, 5 May 1714, V.S.

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The account referred to. At the end are:—"Instructions to the Officers of the Royal Patrimony." 6 *pages.*

[? About May 5.] 32. Petition of the gentlemen riding in her Majesty's 4th troop of Guards to the Lord High Treasurer, relating to their claims for clothing and subsistence. They had 8*d.* a day stopped for their clothing, which was of plain blue and afterwards trimmed with silver lace.

Minuted:—"5 May 1714. To Secry at Warr & Comptrollr of ye Army Accots." 3 *pages.*

April 30 and May 5. 33. Three papers, numbered 4, 5, and 6, relating to the settlement of the Island of St Christopher. They are copies, and probably subordinate to some other paper. Dated 30 April and 5 May 1714, viz.:—

Copy of a [report of the Comrs of Trade on a] memll from Mr Cabibel Duport and others relating to the settlement of the late French part of St Christopher's. April 30th, 1714. (Numbered 4.)

The French part of the island was supposed to contain 30,000 acres of land. It appeared to them most for the advantage of the Crown that the lands should be sold out-right, to the highest bidder, reserving a small quit-rent. The fertility of the soil and healthfulness of the climate might invite many planters to settle there, and the price would probably be advanced to 3, 4, or 5*l.* an acre, which last was more than ever was given before. No more than 200 acres of good "manurable land" should be granted to any single family, and such persons should be obliged to keep one white servant for every 40 acres, within 12 months after the grant; and one white servant for every 20 acres three years after the grant, in order the sooner to people the island. Two Commrs should be sent to distribute the lands, without the intervention of the Governor, &c. They hoped her Majesty would give directions for the French Protestants, who fled from their habitations into the English quarter in the time of the "prosecution" of Protestants, to be restored to their former plantations: and that it would not be thought for the safety of the island to admit any French Papists to re-settle there. Further, that the smaller sort of inhabitants might have some parcels of the worst sort of land near the sea-side given them gratis, proportionable to their families; not above 10 acres to the most numerous family; and that the persons who had lands granted to them by the Governors would be preferred as purchasers, or that reasonable time might be allowed them to take off their crops. 4 *pages.*

Copy of representation (numbered 5) [of the Comrs of Trade] to the Queen, upon an address from the Council and Assembly of St Christopher's, requiring them to consider and report to her Majesty the present method of settling the late French part of the island for the benefit of trade and the inhabitants thereof. The settling of the island would very much tend to the advantage of the inhabitants and the trade thereof, and would increase the revenue by the 4½ per cent. there and the customs here. The French part of the island

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contained about 30,000 acres, whereof 25,000 were good and proper for sugar canes, the rest only fit for cattle. Approved of the plan in the paper numbered 4 of selling the land to the highest bidder, and the other recommendations therein. They also set out the claims of the French Protestant refugees, and recommend them as fit objects of compassion. 8 *pages.*

Copy of letter (numbered 6) of the [Com^rs of Trade] "to the Lord High Treasurer upon the petition of Captain Stephenson, several French Protestant refugees and others, about settling the late French part of S^t Christopher's." The petitioner had a grant which was made after the peace was signed at Utrecht, and for three years absolutely; but it ought to have been for three years, or to the end of the war. Many others had similar grants, and the best part of the French settlements had been so patented, and should the patentees obtain absolute grants, what remained would not be of any great advantage to the Crown. Dated Whitehall, 5 May 1714. 2 *pages.*

Also portion of a series of similar copies of petitions and other documents, numbered 31–38, relating to claims of Elizabeth Salanave, Elizabeth Renoult, widow, and Captain William Stephenson. [? About the same date.]

The last document is a copy of the report of the Board of Trade above described. 13 *pages.*

[? About May 5.] 34. Petition of the Mayor, Bridgemasters, and Burgesses of the town of Maidenhead, Berks, to the Lord High Treasurer. The oaks they were entitled to by charter out of the manors of Cookham and Bray for the support of their bridge were of small value, and the tolls over the bridge were much lessened by the free bridge erected by her Majesty at Datchett. Their bridge had become ruinous and dangerous. Praying for a grant of such of the dotard and pollard trees as the exigencies of their town required.

Minuted:—"5 May 1714. The Queen has complyed with the import of their charter in respect to trees, and they may have a w^t for anything that is further due thereupon." 1 *page.*

May 5. 35. Com^rs of Victualling to M^r Lowndes. M^r Hodges and several others were willing to take South Sea stock in satisfaction of their bills drawn on the Com^rs by Alonso Vere, their agent at Gibraltar. Dated 5 May 1714.

Minuted:—"5 May 1714. Agreed."

Also a list of the bills. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 36. Robert Hunter to the Lord High Treasurer. Must continue to throw himself at his Lordship's feet, until he kicked him away. The bills for the fort in the Mohaks' country were returned protested. His L^p knew that what was done in that matter was by her Majesty's special order. Must again beg but for one-fourth of the Palatine debts to stop the mouths of clamourous creditors. The ledger and vouchers would come by H.M. ship "Sorlingues." Dated New York, 7 May 1714.

"R. July 2, 1714." 2 *pages.*

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May 8. 37. Com^{rs} of the Navy to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Explaining how an account of the sums expended in the expedition to Canada might be arrived at. Dated Navy Office, 8 May 1714. 1 *page.*

May 10. 38. A schedule of sums due to several Governors of the plantations at Christmas 1713, on their salaries payable out of 4 & ½ per cent. Dated 10 May 1714. 1 *page.*

[? About May 10.] 39. Petition of John Parker, gent., one of the late agents for prizes at Falmouth, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that he might see his own accounts fairly stated and those of his partners, and that a stop might be put to the proceedings against him. He was prosecuted by the Prize Office for a debt of 216*l.*

Minuted:—"10 May 1714. To Baker & Gosselin to report of any new mr̃e." 1 *page.*

May 10. 40. "Treasurer of the Chamber (De la Warr's) proposal for applying 2,000^{li} issued to him in further pt. of the qua^{r} due at Mich̃as 1713. Delivered to M^{r} Taylor May 10th, 1713." 2 *pages.*

[? About May 10.] 41. Petition of Cap^{t} Lieut. Charles Bruce to the Lord High Treasurer. Had formerly a promise of employment from his L^{p} and had been four years in her Majesty's service at Annapolis Royal, until superseded. Had been "reduced" after 26 years service, and had been shipwrecked, &c. Praying for employment.

Minuted:—"10 May 1714. If he be entitled to ½ pay he will receive it with the rest." 1 *page.*

May 11. 42. Copy of report of the Board of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. M^{r} John Jeffreys was five years paymaster of the train of artillery in Spain. He craved allowance for 1,584*l.* 12*s.* lost in 1710 at the battle of Villa Viciosa. His chest and money and his accounts and receipts were then taken by the enemy. He had given as sufficient proofs as could be expected of him; his previous accounts, amounting to 49,985*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.*, were regular, and he had discharged his trust with diligence and integrity. Dated 11 May 1714.

Also copy of his memorial and other documents. 12 *pages.*

May 11. 43. Com^{rs} for Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer, asking him to order 40,000*l.* to answer the several services. Dated 11 May 1714.

Minuted:—"18 May 1714. To be considered next week w^{n} the Malt Act is passed." 1 *page.*

May 11. 44. John [Bishop of] London to the Lord High Treasurer. Recommends the case of M^{rs} Cull, widow of the late episcopal minister at Amsterdam, and asks payment of the arrears of her pension. Dated Somerset House, 11 May 1714.

Minuted:—"11th May 1714. Orderd. W^{t} for 50^{l} signd 12th May 1714." 1 *page, quarto.*

May 12. 45. Petition of William Dugud to the Lord High Treasurer. The presbytery of Kirkcaldie (who a little before had given a certificate of petitioner's conversation and capacity) refused to allow her

Majesty's presentation of him to the church and parish of Bruntisland, in North Britain, and forced him from the living. Labouring to assert her Majesty's right of presentation, he had suffered a severe persecution. Prays that her Majesty would give orders for his stipend to be paid to him.

"R. May 12, 1714." 1 *page.*

May 12. 46. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of John Evans, bricklayer. When the great fire happened at Whitehall and was got into the building adjoining to the Banqueting House, he (Sir Christopher) believed that if he could have the window bricked up it might stop the fire; whereupon he ordered a labourer to procure the first bricklayer he could find, which happened to be this Evans, who stopped up the window. It had the proposed effect, and Evans was then rewarded. Had not known Evans employed in any public work, except some small matters above 27 years ago in some of the parochial churches of London, in which he gave little satisfaction. Dated Office of Works, 12 May 1714. 1 *page.*

May 12. 47. Daniel Hall [and others] to the Lord High Treasurer. As petitioners for the new settlement in North America they laid before his Lp proposals for expediting that affair, and proposed "to base the government of 3,802*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* per ann. by taking 500 Chelsea College pensioners who humbly craved leave to go." The proposals could not be carried out without an Act of Parliament, but when obtained would yield large sums. Asked that her Majesty should allow them two men's pay in each company in her Majesty's service for three years, which would effect the settlement and be a lasting service to the Government in all manner of naval stores. Dated May 12, 1714.

Also the proposals:—1st. To obtain an Act to restrain, by a penalty, vintners, victuallers, and others from sending out pots, mugs, &c. under the measure of a gallon, and to restrain all hawkers and pedlars from selling flesh or poultry about the streets. The revenue from the publicans and butchers, who would pay 1*s.* a week for this, was estimated at 150,000*l.* 2nd. To compel all marketable goods to be sold only in markets and fairs, by which the revenues of excise would be increased to 10 times as much as they were. Parliament might take the half of all the tolls within the kingdom, which would amount to 180,000*l.* per ann. 3 *pages.*

May 12. 48. Phil. Bertie to [the Lord High Treasurer]. Drawing his Lp's attention to the fact that there had not been a fair hearing to Henry Smithson on his memorials, which were referred to the officers of the Tower Mint: the material part being the neglect of the Warden in prosecuting false coiners, &c. Dated 12 May 1714. 2 *pages.*

May 13. 49. Comrs for Transports to Wm Lowndes, Esq. They did not know and never heard that any transports employed in the service of the office were at any time at Algiers, and therefore if any English ships were employed in carrying off slaves from thence,

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they concluded they must be ships hired at other public offices or by the admirals. Dated Transport Office, 13 May 1714.

Certificate signed Edw^d Whitaker, that whilst he was commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, he had been told that many slaves made their escape on board the transports. 2 *pages*.

May 13. 50. Report of M^r Auditor Foley to the Lord High Treasurer on the bills of incidents relating to the management of the tin affairs. Dated 13 May 1714. 1¼ *pages*.

May 13. 51. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Had received a further account from Capt^n Paddon, that the British captives, amounting to about 69, were still detained, and that a new present was demanded by the Alcaide for the King, his master, in order to obtain their liberty. Sends an extract. Her Majesty thought the proceedings of the Moors very unfair, and that their demands were extremely exorbitant and had given directions to Capt. Paddon to get on board his ship as soon as he could and then try for 2,000 or 3,000 dollars to compound the whole matter. However, rather than lose the opportunity of making lasting peace with these people, and of redeeming so many of her poor subjects from a miserable captivity, the Queen seemed inclined to gratify the King of Morocco in sending him the cloth, china dishes, tea-kitchen, and tea which he desired. Dated Whitehall, 13 May 1714.

Also the extract. 3 *pages*.

May 14. 52. M^r Eversfield to ————. Asks hims to speak to the L^d High Treasurer to let the [Board of Ordnance] have the 40,000*l*. for which he had delivered a letter to M^r Taylor (see 11 May). The office could not go on without it. Dated 14 May 1714. 1 *page*.

May 14. 53. Report of the Com^rs for duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer on M^r Denham's proposal to act with M^r Hooper in the discovery and bringing in to the Exchequer of the estate or effects of Morgan Whitley, Receiver General for North Wales and Chester, who was a debtor to the Crown and a prisoner in Newgate. Dated Office for Hides, 14 May 1714.

Also several other papers, including schedules of debts due to him, previous reports on the memorial of Joseph Denham, gen., and on the proposal of Joseph Ormeston, of London, merchant, and Richard Nat, of Westminster, gent., in relation to the same debts. Besides which there are several affidavits, &c. 40 *pages or parts of pages*.

May 14. 54. Report of the same to the same on the petition of William Fancourt, jun^r, Esq., Receiver General of the county of Rutland for the land taxes 1711 and 1712, and duties on houses 1710, 1711, and 1712, with the bill of extraordinary charges by him craved; suggesting the allowances that should be made to him. Same date.

The petition and bill. 3 *pages*.

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May 14. 55. Report of the same to the same on the petition of Richard Hosier, a security of George Hosier, late Receiver General of the co. of Salop, praying stop of process against him. Upon payment of 500*l.* his L^{p} might grant a warrant to stop process till the first day of Michaelmas term, and if the whole debt were not then discharged, an extent might be issued against him. Same date.

Minuted:—"Read 11th Augst 1714. Process to issue agst M^{r} Hosier."

The petition. 3 *pages.*

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May 17. 1. Com^{rs} of the Navy to William Lowndes, Esq. As to the sums wanting for the several services of the Navy. Dated Navy Office, 17 May 1714.

Minuted:—"17 May 1714. Read. Vide Min. Book." In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 209, there is an order to issue certain sums to pay off several ships. 1 *page.*

May 17. 2. Com^{rs} for Sick and Wounded to William Lowndes, Esq. They were then attending with a list of the books of their office. Dated 17 May 1714.

The list referred to.

Minuted:—"17 May 1714. Brought by y^{e} Comm^{rs} & read. Vide Minute Book."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. XVIII., p. 209, is:—

"Comm^{rs} for Sick & Wounded called in. They present (according to my Lord's direccōn of y^{e} 14th instant) a list of all their books, w^{ch} is read, M^{r} Morley being p̄nt, who saies that Doctor Plumtree told him, that there was a minute entred in the books of y^{e} Com^{rs} that the Agent for Sick and Wounded, in the year 1703, in the West Indies (upon a rep̄sentacōn from one Stuart), should have an allowance for Madera wine for y^{e} sick & wounded there; which was concealed from him, when he wanted it. This makes him suspect several other foul practices have been com̄itted by them, as well with respect to himself as the publick. D^{r} Morley desires leave, with some other person on his behalfe, to inspect the books of the Comm^{rs}. My Lord bids him name the ꝑson he would have join'd wth him. He saies he will consider of an indifferent ꝑson and name him in a lr̃e to M^{r} Lowndes." 2 *pages.*

[? About May 18.] 3. Memorial of Lord North and Grey to the Lord High Treasurer, praying payment of 1,000*l.* stopped out of the subsistence of himself and officers for an old debt on the regiment.

Minuted:—"18 May 1714. A w^t^ for sale of a company to make good the debt. The acc^t of clearings of former years is before parl^t. It may be issued on acc^t of this year's clearings." 1 *page*.

[? May 18.] 4. John Fleetwood to the Lord High Treasurer. Encloses, in obedience to her Majesty's command, signified by Lord Dartmouth, an account of disbursements for taking care of seafaring men captured by the enemy during the war. Had been consul here for near six years, and the office had never rendered him more than 40*l.* per ann., which was less than he spent on it. The King of Sicily had arrived at Messina, and it was hoped would regulate several matters in favour of their trade. The commerce between this and that kingdom was prohibited. The Emperor had ordered this Government to make a free port at Pozzuolo or Castelamaro, and they had been trying to mark out a secure mole, but it was believed that their poverty would prevent it. They had planted a great many cannon near the seaside, which looked as if they were apprehensive of something. Count Daun, their "V. King," was often incommoded with the gout. P.S.—On Sunday the peace between the Emperor and King of France was proclaimed here. Dated Naples, 29 May 1714 [? N. S., *i.e.*, 18 May.]

Minuted:—"23 July 1714. To Comm^{rs} for Sick & W^d."

The account referred to. 2 *pages*.

May 18. 5. W^m Lowndes to the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Warden of the New Forest. Sends, by the Lord Treasurer's order, the petition of M^{rs} Theodosia Kingdon, relating to the repair of the lodge whereof she was possessed in the New Forest, and to the new railing and paling of an enclosure there used for a pound, for securing strays in the forest, together with M^r Wilcox's reports thereon. Dated 18 May 1714.

The petition and two reports of Mr. Wilcox, and another petition of M^{rs} Kingdon on the same subject. *Minuted*:—"28 June 1714. M^r Wilcox to proceed to the paling this year & finish the same." 5 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

[About May 19.] 6. Memorial of Charles Dartiquenave, Paymaster of her Majesty's Works, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that certain payments might be allowed by the auditor on passing his accounts.

Minuted:—"Orderd 19th May 1714." 1 *page*.

[About May 19.] 7. Memorial of George Mackenzie, Esq., to the Lord High Treasurer. Had hitherto had no allowance for three years for postage and intelligence, altho' he was above 17 months of that time at the Court of Poland, when there was no other minister there from the Queen, and had repeated orders from the late Duke of Queensberry to spare no expense for the service, &c. Had more than one voucher to show how earnestly it was enjoined on him to transmit to Flanders and the Hague "doubles" of all he wrote to England, that being the juncture of the "neutrality," &c. The daily alarms that the northern troops were about to withdraw from Flanders rendered this expense absolutely necessary, "where the resolves were often

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quicker than they could wait for returns from Whitehall." Notwithstanding the high rate of exchange and interest for advance of money for the charges of his long and frequent journeys in Poland, Germany, and Italy, he had been nigh two years in the service before he had received any of the Queen's money; yet no consideration had been made him, nor for two travelling equipages, whereof one was lost, with his whole baggage, in passing the Serio river. Might annex the original order he received to come into England to be the better able to receive his instructions. Had often been desired to be in readiness to repair to the court of the Czar. Prayed for consideration for the above, and for his ordinary allowance as secretary at the Court of Poland from the 24th June last till the commencement of his privy seal as her Majesty's Resident with the Czar.

"R. from E. Mar. My. 19, 1714."

Minuted:—"31 May 1714. Send to the Secretary of State for an acco^t from what time his allowance as Scr̃y to Poland was to cease, & when (if any) letters of revocac̃on bore date." *Again*:—"To pay him to 26th Aprill 1714 (the date of his letter of revocation), on 40^s a day, comes to 612^l. Ordered."

Also two memoranda relating thereto. 1½ *pages*.

[? About May 19.] 8. Memorial of the R^t Hon. Samuel Lord Masham, cofferer of his Majesty's household, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his L^p to order 3,066*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to pay for the customs on 136 gallons of French wine bought for her Majesty's service.

Minuted:—"19 May 1714. 1,066^l 8^s 6^d ordered in part.
1,000 more 26 May."

1 *page*.

May 20. 9. Com^rs for Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. There had not been a supply of ordnance stores to Barbadoes or other plantations in the West Indies which were proper to be paid for out of the duties of 4½ per cent. The inhabitants had applied for the same, &c. Dated Office of Ordnance, 20 May 1714.

Minuted:—"21 May 1714. Read." 1 *page, quarto*.

May 22. 10. Report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Charles Dering, Esq., to her Majesty for a grant of the office of Auditor of the Imprests in Ireland to his two sons, Edward and Henry, on surrender of two lives in being, viz., John Champante and Robert Curtis. Had referred the petition to the Solicitor General for Ireland, whose report he transmitted. Dated Dublin Castle, 22 May 1714.

The report and petition.

Minuted:—"14 July 1714. To be layd before the Queen. Kensington, July 27, 1714. Read to her Ma^ty, who is pleased to order a grant as desired."

There is also the warrant granting the same. 6 *pages*.

May 24. 11. Com^rs for Victualling to M^r Lowndes. Had agreed for the carrying of the provisions to be sent to Placentia for the garrison there, consisting of 359 persons. The rate was 25*s.* per ton. Dated Victualling Office, 24 May 1714. 1 *page.*

May 24. 12. Attorney General to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Sir Simeon Steward had not thought proper to produce any writings before him (the Attorney Genl) or the Solicitor General as to his title to Binswood in Holt Forest. It would be necessary to exhibit a bill against him in the Court of Exchequer to compel him. Dated 24 May 1714.

Minuted:—"24 May 1714. A copy to Sr Simeon and acqt him that my Lord must be obliged to the method proposed in case of longer delay." 1 *page.*

[? About May 24.] 13. Memorial of Archibald Earl of Roseberry to the Lord High Treasurer. Had a right to a pension of 158*l.* which the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland made a difficulty in allowing him. Had acted as Chamberlain of Strathearn for several years without salary. Had applied to her Majesty to be allowed 1,500*l.* in lieu of arrears of his pension. Prayed his Lp to order him a warrant to allow him 1,500*l.* in his accounts of the rents of Fife in lieu of the arrears.

Minuted:—"Read 24th May 1714. The draft of a wart for 1,500*l.* bounty." *Again*:—"Wt signd 4 June."

Also copy of a previous memorial from him. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 14. Mr Delavale to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Lest Mr Lowndes should not have rightly understood him as to his allowance of 3*l.* a day as plenipotentiary (Mr Lowndes saying that in law the Commission to Morocco ceased from the date of those to the Duke of Argyle, which might be true), he observed to his Lp that neither that nor any other commission interfered with that which he had to the King of Portugal. The Duke of Argyle and Sir John Jennings had the same powers with him to Morocco, yet none of them demanded anything on that account. His Lp might remember that the privy seal was obtained by his Lp's favour in regard to the great expense he would be at by the war in Portugal, and to put him on an equality with the ministers of other Princes then in that Court. Prayed that he might be paid. Dated London, 25 May 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

May 25. 15. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer. On the petition of Sir Alexander Cairnes, relating to 1,201*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* under seizure at Liverpool. The books had been searched for precedents, but there was no case exactly like it. They quote the case of Banfield, which was referred to by petitioner. It was a case of attempting to export silver money by first changing it for pistoles or louis d'ors. Unless his Lp commanded to the contrary they would order the money to be paid into the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated Custom House, London, 25 May 1714.

The petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—"26 May 1714. Sir Alex. Cairnes may see this Rept." 4 *pages.*

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May 25. 16. The Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a list of the officers of the regiments of Col. Kerr, Major Gen^l^ Pepper, Col. Churchil, Lord Mountjoy, Major Gen^l^ Wade, and Brigadier Corbet, which were commanded to be disbanded. They were to be placed on the establishment for half-pay. Dated Dublin Castle, 25 May 1714.

Minuted:—"11 Aug^{t} 1714. W^{t} signed to Lords Justices." 1 *page.*

May 26. 17. M^{r} John Evans to the Lord High Treasurer. The Duke of Leeds had informed him that the Lord High Treasurer would give him leave to make his objections to Sir Christopher Wren's report upon his petition to be appointed as her Majesty's master bricklayer. Many years since Sir Christopher had employed him to finish a brick church in Abchurch Lane, London, and to build a tower to it, which he performed to the satisfaction of all the parishioners, and (as he believed) of Sir Christopher himself, who soon after employed him to do all the brickwork in the churches of Allhallows, Lombard Street, S^{t} Mary le Rood, S^{t} Michael, Crooked Lane, and S^{t} Mary, Abchurch, Thames S^{t}. These were done in a workman-like manner, and he never till now heard that he was guilty of the least misbehaviour. Believed Sir Christopher had forgotten that in the summer before King James went away his Majesty ordered his palace at Richmond to be repaired and beautified. One Drew, who was employed on it, being incapable of performing the work, Sir Christopher employed him (Evans) on the same, till his Majesty's departure out of England, when he was discharged without receiving the least satisfaction for the same. Was afterwards sued, not only for materials used by his own men, but by the bricklayers concerned before him, and had actually paid for the same rather than suffer the extremity of the law.

After several applications to Sir Christopher, who could not assist him, he had recourse to Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Lords of the Treasury, and obtained an order for payment on Col. Taylor, paymaster of the works.

When the fire happened in the Royal Palace at Whitehall, he immediately went to Sir Christopher Wren's house, and offered his assistance, who directed him to stay there and take care of some books, &c., and went out of his house, but forthwith returned from viewing the conflagration and in a great consternation cried out, "We are all undone, for the fire hath seized the Banquetting House. For God's sake lett all things alone here, and try to save that fabrick." Whereupon by indefatigable endeavours, with great expense and "eminent hazard" of his life, he preserved it from being destroyed, tho' not by the means Sir Christopher alleged in his report; nor had he the least direction from Sir Christopher, except in general terms, to try to save the fabrick, and never saw him near the place till two days after, when Doctor Hutton (then in waiting) told him that the Earl of Strafford, Lord Cutts, and other persons of distinction present at the fire, had informed the King of the surprising performances of one called Evans, whom they knew not. After which his Majesty directed the Earl of Portland to give him a reward of 500*l.*, and to order that further care should be taken of him. For which end Sir Christopher went with him to Kensington, and presented him to that Earl, who told him (Evans) that he had just taken leave of the King, and should not see him again until his Lordship's return from France. Upon his return, Sir Christopher, with his own hand, drew the form of certificate (now in his, Evans', custody) and signed it, which was quite different from his present report. This he (Evans) delivered to the Earl of Portland, on whom he attended at Kensington for near four months together without effect, and never received any reward for that service, save that Sir Christopher gave him five pounds (which he calls by his report a reward). Had now received some encouragement from the Duke of Leeds to petition for the above place. Had first waited on Sir Christopher and his son with his petition for their approbation, who liked it very well, but were heartily sorry he did not come sooner, because Sir Christopher had already made two reports in favour of others, and they were sure the place was disposed of, &c. Dated 26 May 1714.

Also a true copy of the rough draft of the certificate referred to. 3 *pages.*

May 26. 18. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer, asking that he would be a means that a privy or broad seal might be prepared, pursuant to the Attorney General's opinion, to give a title to the purchaser of Edward Carlton's house and lands at Cashalton in Surrey, which had been seized for a very considerable sum of money for duties on tobacco. Both Edward and Arden Carlton had absconded, and Arden had been made a bankrupt, and Edward refused to join in the sale of the estate. Dr. Ratcliff was the purchaser. The house and lands were valued at 23 years' purchase. Dated 26 May 1714.

Minuted:—"Agreed. Wt signed for a constat." 2 *pages.*

May 26. 19. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lord High Treasurer on a draught of two clauses to be offered in Parliament for giving ease to the exporters of chequered and striped linens imported, and of silks, calicoes, linens, and stuffs, printed, painted, or stained. They draw attention to defects, and propose additional clauses. They also propose clauses relating to painted paper. Dated Excise Office, London, 26 May 1714.

The clauses referred to. 8 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

May 26. 20. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Sir Robert Davers, Bart., and Thomas Foulkes, Esq., executors of the Lady Mary Jermyn, deceased, widow and executrix of Thomas Lord Jermyn, late Governor of Jersey, as to the right of the Governor to receive fines and forfeitures, and particularly those for transporting wool, without rendering account. The case being argued before the Barons of the Exchequer, two were for the right, and two against. So there could be no decree thereon without the assistance of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose opinion would determine the question. Had no objection to dismiss the information as desired if her Majesty pleased, or discharge the petitioners of the amount demanded; but submitted whether it was not better to incur one day's more expense to settle the matter, in relation as well to the past as the present Governor. Dated 26 May 1714.

The petition referred to and a copy of the setting out of the case by the Deputy Queen's Remembrancer.

Minuted:—"31 May 1714. Let it be determined so as the point of accounting may be settled, then my Lord will move the Queen on the petrs' request." 8 *pages*.

May 26. 21. T. Harley to the Comrs of Customs. Sends by the Ld High Treasurer's command a letter of Mr Secretary Bromley, enclosing another from Mr Hallungius, the Duke of Saxe Gotha's Resident at the Hague, who had been lately sent by that Prince to solicit the payment of the arrears due to his troops. The Resident desired the delivery of a hogshead of wine, brought for his own use, custom free. Asks the Comrs to consider the same. Dated Treasury Chambers, 26 May 1714.

The letters mentioned. 4 *pages*.

May 26. 22. Wm Borrett to John Taylour, Esq. The Registrar of Carmarthen had informed him that before he received the *caveat* about the estate of Thomas Griffiths, a bastard, the reputed father had obtained letters of administration. Had got the same revoked. Howell Williams, gent, was recommended as administrator in trust for the Crown. It would be inconvenient for him (Mr Borrett) to administer, the bastard having died in the diocese of St David's, not having left debts to the value of 5*l*. out of the diocese. The bishop there must grant administration as soon as her Majesty would sign a warrant for that purpose. Dated 26 May 1714. 1 *page, quarto*.

May 28. 23. Henry Portman to the Lord High Treasurer. Had repaired the ring in Hyde Park with gravel. Asked his Lp to direct the payment for the same to Mr Thomas Houghton. Would keep it in repair for 50*l*. per ann. Dated 28 May 1714.

Minuted:—"31 May 1714. On Wednesday wn the past [?] cash is before my Lord." 1 *page*.

May 29. 24. Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had directed the Deputy Receiver General to make up a particular account of what was due for clothing the regiments lately disbanded, as proposed by his Lp. Enclosed the same. Also enclosed the report of the Surveyor General of H.M. Works and Buildings, containing a particular account of the buildings directed to be done, the progress, and the money required. Agreed with him in the opinion for allowing 6,000*l*. a year for five years; and that the armoury, which was already covered in, might be finished for 1,500*l*.; and that the building at the west end of the castle should be completed, as it might suffer by the weather; and, afterwards, the offices for the Treasury; and, last of all, the buildings

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intended on the north and south sides of the castle. Prayed her Majesty's warrant for the same. Dated 29 May 1714.

The papers referred to.

Minuted :—"Wt signd." 9 *pages.*

May 31. "25. Fees in the office of the Pipe upon the account of Jno Blunt, Esq., and other receivers, of all bills, debentures, tallies, orders, and other species of the public debts, subscribed into the capital stock of the South Sea Company, between the 29 of June and 30 of July 1711, and for the *quietus est* thereupon."

With receipt for the same at the foot for the use of Mr Cranmer, &c. Signed Tho. King. 31 May 1714. 1 *page.*

May 31. 26. Francis Gwyn to William Lowndes, Esq. Had collected an account of what was owing for the hospital, and for contingent expenses of the British garrison at Dunkirk, for the Lord Treasurer's directions thereon. Dated Whitehall, 31 May 1714.

The account referred to.

There is also the docquet to a parcel which contained other reports and letters of Mr Gwyn. 2 *pages.*

June 1. 27. Report of Mr P. Medows (Controller) to the Lord High Treasurer, on the state of the off-reckonings due to Brigadier Lepell's regiment, transmitted by Mr Brydges. The clothing was not delivered to the regiment, which was then in Spain, and on Mr Peters becoming bankrupt it was seized in extent. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 1 June 1714.

Also the certificate of Mr Brydges, and a letter from him on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

—June 2. 28. Various papers connected with the assignment to the South Sea Company of the "Assiento contract." This was a treaty or contract between the King of Spain and her Majesty, who undertook that in 30 years certain persons whom she should appoint should bring into the Spanish West Indies of America belonging to the King 144,000 negroes, at the rate of 4,800 in each year, &c.; the Assientists paying to the King 33⅓ pieces of eight for each of the negroes. The last is dated 2 June 1714.

The papers include a printed copy (48 pp.) of the "Assiento," dated 26 March 1713, which states, that the Queen was desirous of coming into this commerce; if the Assientists found it necessary to import a greater number than the 4,800 they might do so during the first 25 years of the contract, paying 16⅔ pieces of eight for all duties on each negro. Her Majesty's own ships might be employed, and neither the commanders nor the mariners should give any offence or cause of scandal to the exercise of the Roman Catholic religion. Experience had shown that it was very prejudicial to his Catholic Majesty's interest, that it had not been lawful for the Assientists to transport their negroes into all parts of India (it being certain that the provinces which had not had them endured great hardships for want of having their lands cultivated, from whence arose the necessity of using all imaginable ways of getting them, even though it were fraudulently) and so it was made an express condition of this contract that the Assientists might import and vend the negroes in all the ports of the North Sea and that of Buenos Ayres at their choice. The negroes carried to the ports of the windward coast were not to be sold for more than 300 pieces of eight each, and for as much less as possible, to encourage the inhabitants to buy them; but in the other places of New Spain the Assientists might sell them at the best prices they could get, &c. &c. 127 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 2. 29. The Lord High Treasurer to the Lord Lieut. of Ireland (Shrewsbury). Encloses the reports of the Controllers of the Accounts of the Army and the Secretary at War, on the case of Col. Chudleigh's regiment for the difference between English and Irish subsistence. Asks his Grace's opinion thereon. Dated Treasury Chambers, 2 June 1714. 1 *page.*

July 1713–June 2. 30. Letters, and one or two other documents, chiefly from the Com^rs^ for disbanding the marines, addressed to M^r^ Lowndes, respecting their business. Dated between July 1713 and 2 June 1714. 23 *pages or parts of pages.*

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June 3. 1. Report and further report of the Edward Wilcox, Esq., Surveyor General of her Majesty's Woods, Trent South, to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the expense, &c. of rebuilding a barn near the Park House, in the Isle of Wight, belonging to her Majesty, blown down by the last great storm; advising that the timber should be taken from the New Forest. Dated 1 Feb. 1713 and 3 June 1714.

The second minute on the back is:—"2 July 1714. To be done." 2 *pages.*

June 4. 2. Report of the Com^rs^ for Duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer, on various papers touching M^r^ Gerard's application to Parliament without the consent of "the Newells." M^r^ Gerard was a surety for M^r^ Dixon, late Receiver General for Somersetshire. They had no objection to his (Gerard's) compounding with the Crown. It would not prejudice the Newells' demands on him. Dated 4 June 1714.

Minuted:—"18 June 1714. The session is to[o] farr spent for any applicac̃on to be now made."

The papers referred to .11 *pages.*

[? About June 7.] 3. Memorial of Col. William Dalrymple, Sir John Areskin, Sir Patrick Johnstone, John Pringle, and Alex^r^ Abercromby, Esq^res^, for themselves and other Com^rs^ of the Equivalent, to the Lord High

Treasurer. The consideration of their accounts by the House of Commons had been delayed from time to time. Hoped his L^{p} had considered the case of the creditors of the public in Scotland, who had petitioned the House. The Com^{rs} had attended the sessions of Parliament for three years, and were still accountable for upwards of 380,000*l.*, which had been faithfully issued. The Com^{rs}, besides wanting their salaries, were unable to discharge the other parts of their trade. They had been summoned to attend the House of Lords, with their accounts, &c., and did not know whether they were at liberty to carry them back to Scotland, till they were acquitted. Their creditors loudly complained of them. Prayed his Lordship to interpose.

Minuted:—"7 June 1714. Read the Comm^{rs} Equivalent being p̃snt. This affaire must be determined by Parlt." 1 *page*.

June 8. 4. T. Harley to the Postmasters General (Frankland and Evelyn). Encloses an account of claim for charge of vessels employed in her Majesty's service between England and France, from 10 June 1711 to 20 Dec. 1713, exhibited by James Jobson and forwarded by Lord Bolingbroke to the L^{d} High Treasurer. Asks them to report on the same. Dated Treasury Chambers, 8 June 1714.

Letter from Lord Bolingbroke, in which he says that the great secrecy which was at first required in carrying the correspondence, made it necessary to use a private vessel.

The petition referred to and two accounts. 6 *pages*.

June 8. 5. Charles Carkesse, for the Com^{rs} of Customs, to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Encloses an account of China and Japan earthenware imported from India [and the duties computed thereon]. Dated Custom House, 8 June 1714.

The account named. 2 *pages*.

June 8. 6. Com^{rs} of Excise to the executors of Sir Charles Duncombe. An *insuper* of 424*l.* 17*s.* 11½*d.* was set upon Sir Charles, and disallowed upon his accounts as cashier to the Com^{rs} of Excise, it having been misapplied for payment of his taxes, &c. Desired that the same might be paid forthwith or process would issue. Dated Excise Office, London, 8 June 1714.

Minuted:—"2 July 1714. The Com^{rs} Excise to know whether there be anything particular in this case." 1 *page*.

May 25 and June 8. 7. Report of Edward Wilcox, Esq., Surveyor General of Woods, south of Trent, to the Lord High Treasurer, on a memorial of the Hon. John West, master keeper of the inward bailiwick of the New Forest, as to the repairs of the lodge, &c. of the latter. Dated 25 May 1714.

A further report on the same subject, dated 8 June 1714.

The memorial and a certificate.

The minute which was on the back is illegible. 4 *pages, much faded*.

June 10. 8. Report of Sir Nath. Lloyd to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the ship "Catherine" of Rotterdam, taken as prize in July

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1704 by Capt. Thomas Gordon, commander of the "Royal Mary," a Scotch man-of-war, which prize had been in litigation ever since. Dated Doctor's Commons, 10 June 1714.

Also the case of the same ship upon which the above report was made.

Minuted :—"28 June 1714. The persons concerned may have a copy." 10 *pages.*

June 10. 9. Representation of the principal officers of her Majesty's works to the Lord High Treasurer. 16,897*l.* 8*s.* 2$\frac{3}{4}$*d.* were due to the artificers, as appeared in the account annexed. Prayed his L^{p} to direct payment thereof in money, that the workmen might satisfy their creditors and support their indigent families. They had sustained a great loss by the discount on tin tallies. Dated Office of Works, 10 June 1714. 3 *pages.*

June 10. 10. Papers subordinate to the account of Edward Nicholas, Esq., showing the pensions due to various persons.

Minuted :—"W^{ts} signd 10th June 1714." 6 *small scripts.*

June 12. 11. Certificate signed Rob^{t} Sedgwick, of the delivery of plate to his Excellency Charles Whitworth, Esq., ambassador extraordinary to the Emperor of Russia, for the use of his table and to be returned to the Jewel Office. Dated 12 June 1714.

Minuted :—"W^{t} signd." 1 *page.*

June 14. 12. Report of the Controller [of Army Accounts], James Bruce, to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the memorial of Col. William Kerr in behalf of himself and his officers, for allowance of the difference between the English and Irish pay. Was of opinion it might be allowed. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 14 June 1714. 2 *pages.*

June 14. 13. Charles Carkesse to W^{m} Lowndes, Esq. Sends an account of the produce of the duty of 15 per cent. on muslins. The account of coals was in hand. Dated Custom House, 14 June 1714.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 14. 14. William Smythe to the Hon. W^{m} Lowndes, Esq^{re}. Prays on account of his lameness to be allowed to surrender his paymaster's office to a friend. The gentleman he would surrender to was Edward Corbet, Esq. Dated 14 June 1714.

Minuted :—"19 July 1714. Make a mem^{l} to be layd before the Queen." 1 *page.*

June 16. 15. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Transmits the enclosed papers which were put into his hands by the Duke of Argyle, and related to the revenue of the island of Minorca. Dated Whitehall, 16 June 1714.

There is now only *one* paper, which is a debtor and creditor account of Joseph Gascoigne, appointed by the Duke of Argyle to receive the revenues of the island. 3 *pages.*

June 16. 16. Sir James Abercrombie to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Complains of the delay in the payment of the bills drawn by him for

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money borrowed at Dunkirk almost a twelvemonth ago, when the horse and dragoons were detained there. Asks his Lp to again signify his directions that there may be no further delay since he is paying daily interest for the same. Dated Dunkerque, 16 June 1714.

Minuted:—" 22 June 1714. Read. Mr Merrill to pay it out of money directed this day". 2 *pages, quarto.*

June 16. 17. Report of the principal Officers of Works to the Lord High Treasurer on the papers and memorial of Madam Cutts, and as to repairs of Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight. Though there were no regular vouchers, they believed that 737*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.* might probably have been expended by the late Lord Cutts. Dated Office of Works, 16 June 1714.

Minuted:—" 19 July 1714. My Lord is inclinable to move the Queen for something as of her Maty's bounty." 1 *page.*

June 16. 18. Report of Mr Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of William Squire, wherein he set forth that he served several years abroad in her Majesty's hospitals, and in 1710 was made master apothecary of the English hospitals in Spain, and had the Duke of Argyle's commission for that office on 29 May 1711. He continued there until the peace, when he was left destitute. Count Staremberg, commander of the imperial forces in Spain, just before the peace employed him in providing proper medicines for the hospitals in the army, but on the peace being declared the Count returned them on his hands, and the delay in the disposal of the medicines lost him the opportunity of applying for half-pay, for which he now asked. Mr Gwyn admitted the production of the commission but could not find that any officer in that station as apothecary had hitherto been admitted to half-pay. Dated 16 June 1714. 2 *pages.*

[End of March] and June 16. 19. A particular account of lace and linen provided for her Majesty's person, for a state and chapel furniture for the Rt Hon. the Lord Bingley and for the Maunday service, the same being at a ready money price, pursuant to the direction of the Lord High Treasurer, signified by letter from Mr Lowndes the 10th of March $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Also an estimate of the charge of necessaries directed by her Majesty to be provided out of the Great Wardrobe for Windsor Castle. Dated 16 June 1714. Both papers signed, "Tho. Dummer."

The last is *minuted:*—" 1,000li in pt." 3 *pages.*

June 16. 20. Francis Gwyn to Wm Lowndes, Esq. Sends copy of the letter of Mr Conduit, Commissary of Stores, &c. at Gibraltar, praying the Lord Treasurer's orders to draw on the Paymaster General for the provisions to be bought for the garrison, &c. Dated Whitehall, 16 June 1714.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 17. 21. Account of debts on the public registers and of the annuities, lotteries, and sums advanced by the Bank and East India Company and the debt owing to the South Sea Company, with the rates of interest, &c. Dated 17 June 1714.

At the foot is:—"17th June. Exaĩed p W^{m} Lowndes vera copia."

A duplicate thereof signed "In the absence of my Lord Halifax, W^{m} Clayton." 6 *pages.*

June 17. 22. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends by the Queen's command extracts of several letters received from Sir James Wishart, Col. Congreve, and M^{r} Conduit, relating to repairs necessary for the fortifications of Gibraltar, and to the furnishing of provisions for the garrison, for directions to be given thereon. Dated Whitehall, 17 June 1714.

Minuted:—"18 June 1714. W^{t} concerns fortifications. Send to the Board Ordnance. Victuall^{g} to the Comm^{rs} Victuall^{g} to report with all speed."

The extracts named. 3 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

June 18. 23. Proposal of James Woodman for compelling physicians to give their prescriptions on stamped paper, the stamps varying from 10*s.* to 1*s.*, according to the fee charged. Dated London, 18 June 1714. 1 *large page.*

June 18. 24. Memorial of Francis Gwyn on behalf of the officers of the hospital at Dunkirk to the Lord High Treasurer, praying his L^{p} to countersign the establishment lying before him for the hospital, in order that the accounts might be stated and payment obtained. Dated 18 June 1714. 1 *page.*

June 19. 25. Com^{rs} for Duties on stamped vellum, parchment, paper, &c., to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending the estimates of the gross and neat produce of the several revenues and duties under their care, a list of the *supers,* &c. Dated Stamp Office, Lincoln's Inn, June 19, 1714.

The estimates, &c. referred to. 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 22. 26. Report of the Com^{rs} of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Found that all the repairs mentioned in the account enclosed, sent by Sir James Wishart (showing what was wanted for the fortifications at Gibraltar), were included in the estimate laid before Parliament, except wood work for the mines, escarping the rock at the New Tower, and completing two pieces of wall next to Charles the Fifth's wall. Dated Office of Ordnance, 22 June 1714.

The account referred to. 2 *pages.*

June 22. 27. Report of the Com^{rs} for Salt Duties to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Edmund Soame, a prisoner in the Poultry Counter, who was insolvent, and prayed to have his liberty, in order to discharge his debt. They could not learn that he had any estate or effects, and did not object to his enlargement for that purpose. Dated Salt Office, 22 June 1714.

Minuted:—"15 June 1715. Agreed."

At the foot is the warrant for his discharge, in [1715].

The petition, an affidavit, and a certificate. 6 *pages.*

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June 22. 28. M^{r} Secretary Bromley to the Lord High Treasurer. It was her Majesty's pleasure that the purchase money mentioned in the enclosed address of the House of Commons should be paid, as desired. Dated Whitehall, 22 June 1714.

The purchase money referred to was for lands for better fortifying the docks and harbours at Portsmouth.

Similar letter and enclosure for Chatham.

Minuted :—"29 June 1714. Ordnance to send summons to the Comm^{rs} to meet and consider how, w^{n}, & in w^{t} manner they will open their com^{n} & proceed thereupon. M^{r} Hughes, who acted as sec̃ry, to take care." 4 *pages*.

June 23. 29. Remarks on the observations on the paper concerning the Equivalent, 23 June 1714. 2 *pages*.

June 23. 30. Report of [Sir Christopher Wren] to the Lord High Treasurer. Had viewed the records which were by her Majesty's warrant to be transmitted from the Court of Chancery to the Tower, and found there were 2,200 bundles. The present Record Office at the Tower was so full that it would contain very few more bundles. A large vacant room in the White Tower would be a very fit and convenient place for them, and the Board of Ordnance did not object to the room being thus used if they had proper orders. Dated 23 June 1714. 1 *page* (*signature cut away*).

June 23. 31. Report of Thomas Hewett, Esq., Surveyor General of her Majesty's Woods, Trent North, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the memorial of Lord Byron as to 500 trees out of her Majesty's woods of Birkland and Billagh, in Sherwood Forest, for the repair of his house and enlargment of his park at Newstead. Dated 23 June 1714.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages*.

June 25. 32. C. Whitworthy, Ja. Murray, and Jos^{h} Martin, Commissaries appointed to treat with those for France for settling commerce to the Lord High Treasurer, moving his Lordship to order 150*l.* for the payment of their clerks. It was six months since they (the Commissaries) had been appointed. Dated Crown Court, 25 June 1714.

Minuted :—"W^{t} for 150^{li} as y^{e} former was paid for 100^{li}. W^{t} signd 2 July 1714."

The account of money already expended. 1½ *pages*.

March–June 25. 33. Accounts of clothing for her Majesty's forces at Annapolis Royal, Placentia, and New York, furnished by John Netmaker out of her Majesty's stores brought back from Canada by order of Gen^{l} Nicholson.

Also accounts of sales of stores at a public "vendue" at Boston [New England], rendered by Andrew Vincent between March and June 25, 1714.

Further, some extracts from letters on the same subject. 15 *pages*.

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June 25. 34. John Cormell, linendraper in Southwark, to the Lord High Treasurer as to charging foreign buckrams with a duty of 15 per cent. Proposing to protract the "explanation bill" then before their Lordships until the bill that now charges the buckrams afresh be passed the House of Commons. Dated 25 June 1714. 1 *page.*

Feb. 16— June 26. 35. Various papers connected with the affairs of the Pay Office, relating to the pay of officers, forage money, off-reckonings and clearings, transfers of stock, &c., under the signature of J. Brydges. Dated between 16 Feb. and 26 June 1714. 17 *pages.*

June 26. 36. Com^{rs} of Customs (Scotland) to Thomas Harley, Esq. Several of the officers on the new establishment that were rolled from one port to another were detained or only recently arrived at the ports assigned them. Had to employ others in their room. Asked for a warrant to pay such as actually served. It would be a great benefit if they (the Com^{rs}) had power to remove tidewaiters and boatmen. Dated 26 June 1714.

Minuted:—"W^{t} sign'd 7th July 1714." 1 *page.*

June 27. 37. A paper signed "Frid. Bonet," who was Resident of the King of Prussia. The subsidies due to the Italian corps should be much more effectually provided for in this sessions of parliament than they had been, and the agreement made on the subject should be expedited, in order that payment might be made. As to the arrears due to the troops of the King which served in the Low Countries, his Majesty made no doubt they would be recognised by parliament, &c. As regards the debt due, years since, to his Majesty, he flattered himself the parliament, directed by the royal wisdom, would not tax the King with transgressing a declaration which could not fall on his Majesty to observe. Other laws than the treaties which Providence had imposed could not be imposed on princes. There was no article in the treaty to authorise the declaration referred to. All the treaties of the King with her Majesty for troops related to the Grand Alliance, and this Declaration tended to detach them from it, notwithstanding the Emperor and States General were the other parties contracting. The troops of the King should not be separated, but this Declaration required that they should be. Further, all who considered peace or war ought to put themselves in concert with his Majesty, and the suspension of arms was agreed upon neither with his Majesty nor with his allies, &c. (French.) Dated London, 27 June 1714. 4 *pages.*

June 29. 38. "Ken. Edisbury" to the Hon. W^{m} Lowndes, Esq., on a letter signed "O. S.," concerning frauds committed in the navy and victualling at New York. Dated Victualling Office, 29 June 1714.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Navy Board on the same subject. 2½ *pages.*

June 30. 39. Report of the Controller (Ja. Bruce) to the Lord [High Treasurer] on the petition of John Martin and other clothiers of the forces abroad. Saw no objection to the issuing of the off-reckonings to the forces in Flanders. As to those serving in Spain, his L^{p}

might direct such payments as he saw fit to those clothiers who produced regular assignments. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 30 June 1714.

Minuted:—"20 July 1714. To Compt^{rs} to examine whether this clothing was deliv^{d} & distributed to the men." 2 *pages*.

June 30. 40. The establishment for the hospital belonging to the garrison at Nieuport. Signed by her Majesty and the Lord High Treasurer. Dated 30 June 1714. 1 *large page*.

June 30. 41. Copies of five letters, two signed by Walter Douglas, connected with plate belonging to the Jewel Office. The plate formerly belonged to Col. Parke, the late Governor of the Leeward Islands, who was murdered and robbed, "and had the honour to lose his life in defence of her Majesty's prerogative." The plate was recovered by Walter Douglas, the Governor there, from the murderers. The last letter is dated 30 June 1714. 3 *pages*.

June 30. 42. Report of Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Rookwood, captain of one of the independent companies to be formed out of Col. Handasyde's regiment at Jamaica. If his L^{p} thought fit to order him three months' pay he had no objection. Dated Whitehall, 30 June 1714.

Minuted:—"12 July 1714. M^{r} How to make the demand." $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages*.

June 30. 43. Lord Bolingbroke to the Lord High Treasurer. Had lately employed M^{r} Brand, her Majesty's writer and embellisher of letters to the Eastern princes, in writing and embellishing two instruments in vellum; the one a patent under the great seal of Great Britain, containing her Majesty's grant of an addition of arms to Signior Pietro Grimani, Ambassador from the Republic of Venice; the other a duplicate of the same, to be registered in the College of Arms. Recommending that payment should be made for these extraordinary services. Dated Whitehall, 30 June 1714. 1 *page*.

... June. 44. Petition of Henry Bendyssh, gent., to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had recommended that he should be paid 1,000*l*. as a recompense for his pains and losses as secretary to the late Com^{rs} for the poor Palatines, and likewise for the further trouble and expense he had been at in sending to their own country great numbers of those unfortunate persons who left the settlements her Majesty's bounty had provided for them in Ireland. Prays payment. Dated ... June 1714.

Minuted:—"5 July 1714. 1,000^{li} ordered." *Again*:—"July 16. The Queen orders 1,100^{li} in consideration of his being so long without his money. W^{t} signd." 1 *page, quarto*.

[After June 30.] 45. Report of Alexander Pendarvis, Esq., Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer, on the petition of M^{rs} Scoting as to her title to the upper part of a house in the Savoy, known by the sign of the White Lion in the Strand. The petitioner should be admitted to possession of her part of the house, or receive a proportionate part of the rent. Undated.

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Minuted:—"19 July 1714. To M^r^ Burton to be informed of the premises with his opinion w^t^ is fit to be done thereupon."

The petition which was referred to the Surveyor on 30 June 1714, and the case of M^rs^ Mary Scotten, daughter of W^m^ Woodcock and Jane his wife, both deceased. 5 *pages.*

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July 1. 1. M^r^ Burchett, for the Lords of the Admiralty, to M^r^ Lowndes. Asks him to lay the petition from the sea captains for their half-pay before the Lord High Treasurer, and to move his Lordship on their behalf. Dated Admiralty Office, 1 July 1714.

Minuted:—"2 July 1714. The Trear̃ Navy is the proper off^r^ & all applicac̃ons for money should come to the Treary from him, & he in his mem^lls^ from time to time is to set forth y^e^ necessity of his demands & how they are signifyed to him."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

July 1. 2. Lord Lexington to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had graciously given the plate delivered from the Jewel Office to the Ambassadors on their return, as a mark that she was pleased with their negotiations. Asked for the same favour, and for a privy seal to discharge him. Dated 1 July 1714.

Minuted:—"A w^t^ to be prepared." 1 *page, quarto.*.

July 2. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ for Duties on Hides to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Thomas Lloyd, Esq., late Receiver General of Chester, Denbigh, and Flint. Proposed that process against him should be stopped till the 1^st^ day of Michaelmas term. Unless 1,000*l.* were paid before that, they would recommend no further stay of process. Dated 2 July 1714. 2 *pages.*

July 2. 4. The case of Patrick Gallway, commander and sole owner of the "Bolingbroke" yacht. Had carried the Government messengers and expresses, and had petitioned the Lord High Treasurer for 400*l.* per ann., or 20*l.* for each messenger carried by him. His L^p^ had referred him to the [postmasters], whom he begged to make a favourable report of his case. Dated 2 July 1714. 1½ *pages.*

July 2. 5. Establishment of two independent companies to be formed out of the regiment of foot at Jamaica, commanded by Col. Roger Handasyde, to commence from 25 Aug. next, when the said regiment would cease. Dated 2 July 1714. 1 *large page.*

July 2. 6. Similar establishment of general and staff officers to serve with the forces in Flanders and in the garrison of Dunkirk, to commence from 25 June. Same date. 1 *large page.*

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July 3. 7. Com^rs of Customs, Scotland, to Thomas Harley, Esq. Send the establishment or salary bill for officers employed in the collection and management of the salt duty and their representation on the same. Notwithstanding the great quantities of salt stored up in prospect of this duty, yet the proprietors at several pans have begun to make new salt, of which the duty is regularly collected. Forward also the Lord High Treasurer's warrant for payment of the salaries. Ask his assistance as regards their own salaries. Dated Custom House, Edinburgh, 3 July 1714.

The establishment, &c. referred to. 8 *pages.*

July 3. 8. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer. Had considered the memorial of James Johnson, Esq., and certified that Sir Roger Strickland being outlawed and attainted of high treason, committed 1 May 1689, it was found by inquisition that he was seised (*inter alia*) of 12 farms in Catterick, in the county of York, of the yearly value of 350*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* His then Majesty had leased these farms to the memorialist. Other claims to the lands were put in, which were contested by the memorialist. Was of opinion that M^r Johnston and his brother deserved well for their prosecution and defence of the suits for the service of the Crown, &c. Dated 3 July 1714.

Minuted:—"14 July 1714. Gen^l Cholmondley may have a copy of this rep^t as desired in his mem^l."

The memorial referred to and a copy of the report. 13 *pages.*

July 3. 9. Francis Gwyn to W^m Lowndes, Esq. Had the establishment of Chelsea Hospital under his consideration. Sent an abstract of the whole, with his opinion on the alterations proposed, to be laid before the Lord High Treasurer. Dated Whitehall, 3 July 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 3. 10. The same to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Doctor Edward Coatsworth, Apothecary General of the army. The garrison at the beginning had been extremely sickly. There were at least 2,400 men sick at one time.

Between 1 Aug. 1712 and 5 Apr. 1714 the medicines, &c. furnished by the petitioner for the hospital at Dunkirk amounted to 11,879*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, of which no part had been paid to him. There should be a warrant to the Paymaster General to make payment of the same out of the poundage of the forces. Dated 3 July 1714. 2½ *pages.*

July 4. 11. W. Cheyne to W^m Lowndes, Esq. As to a lease of the tithes of Dinton in the co. of Bucks, which he was anxious to secure for "his cousin Serjeant," whose father (?) was dead and the family very poor. M^r Simon Maine, the present tenant, no longer resided in the county. Dated Bois, July 4, 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 5. 12 Report of M^r Francis Gwyn to the Lord High Treasurer on the report made by M^r Howe, Paymaster General of guards and garrisons, on a petition of Major Gen^l Trelawny, praying to be paid an additional allowance of 56*s.* a day as Governor of Plymouth from 24 June 1713. Could not propose out of what fund the allowance could be paid. Dated Whitehall, 5 July 1714.

Mr Howe's report and the petition and a copy of a warrant. 4 *pages.*

About July 5. 13. List of persons to whom quarterly payments were made, viz., to Midsummer 1714. Signed "E. Nicholas."

Minuted:—"Lrẽ signed 5 July 1714." 1 *page.*

July 5. 14. Mr Francis Gwyn to Wm Lowndes, Esq., as to the provision made for Irish Roman Catholic officers, who served her Majesty in the late war. The Committee of Supply had voted 300,000*l.* on account, in which the money referred to was comprehended. Dated Whitehall, 5 July 1714. 1 *page, quarto.*

July 6. 15. Great Wardrobe, 6 July 1714. A memorial for the various sums required by that department from Midsummer 1713 to Midsummer 1714. 1 *page.*

[? About July 6.] 16. Petition of Elizabeth, the widow of Lt Col. Minshull, to the Lord High Treasurer. Her Majesty had granted her a pension of 50*l.* a year in consideration of the loss of her husband, brother, and son in her Majesty's service. Prays payment.

Minuted:—"Lrẽ sign'd 6 July 1714." 1 *page.*

July 6. 17. Report of the Comrs of Ordnance to the Lord High Treasurer. Had attended the Comrs for determining the rights and interests of the proprietors of the lands, &c. to be purchased for the fortifications at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich, and the Comrs (who were all lawyers) came to the resolutions enclosed. No time should be lost in executing the commission. Dated 6 July 1714.

Minuted:—"12 Augt 1714. Mr Attorney will bring a list of lawyers proper for this Comn."

The resolutions referred to. 3 *pages.*

July 7. 18. Report of Alex. Pendarves to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mr Vincent and Mr Tonkin, advising that a reversionary life should be added to the lease of the toll of tin in the Duchy of Cornwall granted in 1674. Dated July 7, 1714.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

May 17—July 7. 19. "Proceedings of S. S. Compa on Informacõn of Johnson.—2." A paper, thus docquetted, entitled, "A full account of the proceedings of the South Sea Company, upon the information of Capt Robt Johnson, commander of her Majesty's ship the Anglesea."

The proceedings were taken before the South Sea Company, and relate to a conspiracy to get certain goods conveyed in her Majesty's ship "Anglesea," which was to carry "factors" to the West Indies in pursuance of the "Assiento." The vessel was to touch at Cadiz and carry the Prince of Santo Bueno, Viceroy of Peru, and the Marquis of Villa Rocha, Governor of Panama, to Cartagena or Porto Bello. The parties, whose conduct was inquired into, were Captain Johnson, Mr Moore, M.P., a director, Mr Da Costa, a merchant, and Mr Dowdall. The scheme was to get the goods on board in the night when the ship was in the Downs and convey them without the knowledge of the company. The thanks of the Court were given to Johnson, but Moore was declared guilty of a breach of trust, and incapable of serving in the office of director. Between 17 May and 7 July 1714. 32½ *pages.*

July 2–8. 20. Copy of examinations in the House of Lords as to the proceedings of the Board of Trade in relation to the treaty of commerce with Spain. Various persons were examined, but the principal witness was Brian Wheelock, who testified to having seen a paper transferring to her Majesty from the King of Spain certain reservations which his Majesty had made to himself out of the Assiento contract. Between 2 and 8 July 1714. 6½ *pages.*

July 8. 21. Report of Ja. Bruce, Controller of Army Accounts, to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major-General Wynne on behalf of his late regiment, viz., as to charges on the regiment by pursers of the men-of-war which carried the same from Cork and Kinsale. The case was hard, but was of so long standing that the controller could not name a fund out of which the petitioners might be relieved. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Gardens, 8 July 1714. 3 *pages.*

July 8. 22. Mr G. Pepper to the Lord [High Treasurer]. Presses for the consideration of his memorial for payment of the money advanced by him to support the sick and wounded. There were 400 and odd pounds due. It would be a further "suasive" if his Lp would consider the trouble and expense he had been at in laying facts before the Crown relating to the death of his brother Parke; besides which, he communicated the scheme of St Christopher's to "Mr Prior & Stradford," in connexion with the treaty of peace. Dated Dublin, 8 July 1714. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 23. ——— to the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Principal Secretary of State. Sending the returns he had received. Among them were the return of forfeited estates [in Minorca], their value, and the grants that had been made out of them. Their value was very inconsiderable to the Crown. Submitting to her Majesty's justice the return of them to the proprietors. Dated Mahon, 10 July 1714, O.S.

Two enclosures. 2¼ *pages.*

July 10. 24. Petition of John Harrison, Chaplain to the garrison of Annapolis Royal, in North America, to the Queen for arrears of his allowance at 6*s.* 8*d.* a day. Had only received 66*l.* 5*s.* from Governor Vetch.

"R. from ye Queen July 10, 1714." *Minuted:*—"12 July 1714. To Mr How." 1 *page.*

[About July 12.] 25. Brief of counsel for the defendants in a cause between Nicholas Mason and others, plaintiffs, and Anna Williams, widow, executrix of Thomas Williams, defunct, and others, defendants.

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Also two memoranda of the solicitor in the case, one being dated 12 July 1714. 4½ *pages.*

July 13. 26. Mr Howe's memorial [to the Lord High Treasurer] relating to the payment of the out-pensioners belonging to the Royal Hospital at Chelsea; proposing methods for paying them, &c. The number consisted of about 5,000. More than two-thirds of them were allowed to go into the country on furlough. Dated 13 July 1714.

Minuted:—"21 July 1714. My Lord approves and the Secry-at-War to be writ to accordingly."

Again:—"12 Augt 1714. To Mr How to require from the hospitall the regimentall list." 4 *pages.*

July 13. 27. Report of Mr Ja. Bruce, Controller [of Army Accounts], to the Lord High Treasurer on the memorial of Major-General Evans in behalf of the regiment of dragoons under his command, as to allowance to the regiment of 703*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* and other sums consequent on their removal from Scotland to Ireland. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 13 July 1714.

Three other papers touching the same. 5 *pages.*

July 13. 28. Memorial of Henry Wise to the Lord High Treasurer. The planting in the new plantation at Windsor would not be performed this next season unless orders were speedily given for stakes, rails, &c. Dated 13 July 1714. ½ *page.*

March 3—July 13. 29. Reports and other papers connected with the affairs of the Comrs for Sick and Wounded. Between 3 Mar. and 13 July 1714. 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

Jan.—July 13. 30. Memorials, reports, &c. of Sir Roger Mostyn to the Lord High Treasurer as to the affairs of the marine regiments, viz., as to their pay, off-reckonings, arrears of clearings, &c. Dated Pay Office. Between Jan. and 13 July 1714. 10 *papers and enclosures.*

July 13. 31. Report of Alexander Pendarves, Esq., Surveyor General, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Mrs Addison, widow and executrix of Thomas Addison, Esq., deceased, recommending that she should have a lease, at the old rents, for a building term of 50 years of certain messuages in the Savoy, excepting what had been granted to the Lutheran Protestants, on payment of 400*l.* into the Exchequer. Dated July 13, 1714.

The petition and a copy of a previous report of Mr Travers on the same subject; also a copy of the constitution appointing Thomas Addison keeper of the houses (which were lately possessed by the Jesuits) as described in a plan annexed, and, further, of the goods described in a schedule, also annexed. 12½ *pages.*

July 14. 32. Memorial of Mr John Drummond, her Majesty's Commissary for settling the commerce of the Spanish Netherlands, for allowance of his extraordinary expenses from 30 Dec. 1713 to 30 June 1714. Dated London, 14 July 1714.

At the foot is:—"Whitehall, 15 July 1714. I do allow this bill. W. Bromley." 1 *page.*

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1714. [About July 15.] 33. " Copy. M^{r} Gwyn's report of the cases of several Roman Catholick officers who upon her Majesty's proclamation quitted the enemy in the late war."

Also " Abstract of the pretensions of the Roman Catholick officers who came over to the Allies upon her Maj$^{t's}$ proclamation, & claim the Queen's Bounty answerable to the posts they quitted in the enemy's service."

The following are the officers' names :—

Sir Timothy Daly.
Col. Tho. Macarty.
Col. Walter Butler.
Capt. Math. Cowdall.
Capt. Patr. O'Hara.
Capt. Gerard Dillon.
Capt. Rob^{t} Talbot.
Capt. Mich. Fitz Gerald.
Capt. Patr. Maly.
Major Hub^{t} Jennings.
Capt. Cha. Molloy.

Their cases are individually reported on.

Minuted :—" 15 July 1714. Dillon, Fitzgerald, Jennings & O'Hara to be paid their proportions within mentioned, on the same conditions wth the other officers, & M^{r} Sec̃ry-at-War to prepare a w^{t} for that purpose. The rest to be referred to M^{r} Sec̃ry-at-War to be further examined." 6 *pages*.

July 15. 34. M^{r} Henry Neal to the Lord High Treasurer. Sending a duplicate of an answer sent by him to a letter from the Earl of Bolingbroke giving such information as he was possessed of. The produce of the royal patrimony in corn was not so much as that of last year, " occasioned by its being a plentiful harvest in the island, and in all the neighbouring countries," as well as by the good effects of the peace, which made trade and navigation secure. When her Majesty had given the settlement intended, a scheme might be offered for the increase of the royal revenue. Had intimations from Majorca that they would be very willing to obtain the protection of England by an annual payment, but was not a competent judge of an affair of that importance. Dated Mahon, 15 July 1714, O.S.

The enclosure named. The people would with the greatest cheerfulness submit to such form of civil government as her Majesty should establish. Two ministers of the Church of England should be established, one at Mahon, the other at Ciudadella, independent of the military. Minorca should be made a free port, with small duties. A lazaretto should be erected. It was better to leave the coin quiet and easy. When any change was required it would be better to set up a mint. Cattle should be supplied from Argiers as required. The place was as convenient as Marseilles or any other place to manufacture hard marble soap, the island of " Mayorca " producing large quantities of oil, and most of the other requisites for the manufacture, and would produce considerable quantities of good wine. Her Majesty's ships carried off great quantities of wood, and the troops consumed a great deal. A sufficient stock of Newcastle coals should be sent. The fortifications would be reported on by more competent hands. The town of

Mahon lay more convenient than Ciudadella for the court of justice, and the Lieut.-Governor resided there. 5 *pages.*

July 15. 35. Petition of Elizabeth Preston, widow, to the Queen. Was lessee for a term under the Crown of the site of the late dissolved monastery of Furness, in Lancashire, the title to which she and her husband had to defend in expensive suits. Prayed that the fine of 1,000*l.*, advised on renewal, might be remitted, or that it might not exceed the last fine.

Minuted:—"R. from ye Queen July 15, 1714. The Queen wil have application to give back such part of ye fine set by ye surveyor as of her royal bounty she shal think fit." 1 *page.*

July 15. 36. Attorney General (Northey) to ———. Asking that the hearing of M^{r} Noel and other assignees in bankruptcy against Thomas and Samuel Price, touching an annuity payable at the Exchequer, might be put off. Dated 15 July 1714.

Minuted:—"16 July 1714. To know when M^{r} Attorney can be ready." 1 *page, quarto.*

July 16. 37. Report of Charles Cæsar, Treasurer of her Majesty's Navy, to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Peter Gaudy, complaining of a stop put' on the payment of his pension of 70*l.* per ann. The pension was not inserted in the privy seal. Dated 16 July 1714.

Minuted:—"20 July 1714. This pencõn was particularly excepted in the report of the Com^{ee}."

His petition, in which he says he was lieutenant of a man-of-war in Holland, and was sent for out of the service of the States General by King William's special order; was several times in council consulted and employed in the designs for a descent into France; had served ten or twelve campaigns, and had been in several engagements, at Beachy, Camaret, and particularly in the fight in the Mediterranean Sea under the command of Sir Cloudesly Shovel. He was then 74 years of age, with a numerous and necessitous family.

Also a copy of letter from the Com^{rs} of the Navy, stating that his pension bills had been quarterly assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy. Dated 7 July 1714. 3 *pages.*

[About July 16.] 38. Arrears payable by the Hon^{ble} Spencer Compton, Esq., to her Majesty's French pensioners in part.

The names and amounts follow.

Minuted:—"Lr̃es signed 16th July 1714." 5 *pages.*

July 16. 39. W. Bromley (Secretary of State) to the Lord High Treasurer. Sends a letter received from Lord Strafford relating to a pension which he desired might be settled on the postmaster of the Briel, for the consideration of his Lordship. Dated Whitehall, 16 July 1714.

Minuted:—"19 July 1714. To postma^{rs}."

The extract, 2½ *pages, quarto.*

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[After July 16.] 40. Moneys issued to the cofferer of her Majesty's household since Christmas 1713. The last issue was on 16 July 1714.

Also "An account showing to what time her Majesty's family is paid by the cofferer, and how much there was due to the last day of June 1713, and also what hath been received since." Dated July 31, 1713.

There is another account of the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the household to the same date. 3 *pages.*

July 17. 41. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. When Brigadier Preston was sent to take possession of Nieuport, her Majesty allowed him a gratuity of 500*l.*, there being no other appointment for the commander in that garrison. There was no other expedient to advance that sum but by charging it to his regiment. M^{r} Preston still stood chargeable to the regiment, and his Grace desired that he might be relieved. Dated S^{t} James's, 17 July 1714.

Minuted:—"20 July 1714. Send to M^{r} Brydges for a state of this matter."

Also the memorial of Brigadier Preston on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

July 19. 42. Queen's warrant for the grant for three lives of the office of constable and keeper of Gloucester Castle, viz., to Charles Hyet and his two sons, Benjamin and Nicholas. Dated 19 July 1714. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 6–July 19. 43. Proposals of Sir John Lambert to the Lord High Treasurer to give his bills for Port Mahon and Gibraltar at certain rates. Dated 6 Jan., 18 May, and 19 July 1714. 5 *pages.*

July 19. 44. Report of M^{r} James Bruce, Controller [of Army Accounts], to the Lord High Treasurer on a memorial on behalf of three regiments of dragoons commanded respectively by Col. General Ross, Major-General Evans, and Col. Kerr, and of the regiment of horse commanded by Major-General Sibourg, viz., as to the difference between English and Irish pay, the former of which they claimed. Dated Controller's Office, Privy Garden, 19 July 1714. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? About July 19.] 45. Petition of Captain Mark Lynch to the Lord High Treasurer, a previous memorial, and another to Lord Bolingbroke for relief for his great sufferings, service, and losses for her Majesty's service.

Minuted:—"19 July 1714. There appears nothing in the Treasury of his services."

There is also a printed narrative by him, relating to a project formed in France, after the peace at Ryswick, for burning the English fleet then at Portsmouth and Chatham. From this it appears he passed 13 years and 4 months in the Bastile. $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? About July 19.] 46. Report of Alexander Pendarves, Esq., Surveyor General, on the petition of Arthur Bevan, Esq., as to the grant of a lease to make up thirty-one years of Eglwys-Cymmin mill, in the county of Caermarthen.

The petition.

Minuted:—"19 July 1714. Agreed." 2 *pages.*

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July 20. 47. Case concerning the renewal of leases in the bailiwick of St James, submitted for the opinion of the Attorney General; with his opinion thereon. Dated 20 July 1714.

Minuted:—"21 [July 1714]. Read and to be observed in the renewing of leases accordingly."

Also a copy thereof docquetted:—"Attorney General's report concerning building leases." 4½ *pages*.

July 20. 48. ——— to the Lord High Treasurer. Had found that the clergy in Virginia were but meanly provided for, not having 20*l.* a year. Proposed that there should be allowed a hogshead or two of tobacco customs free to each poor clergyman. It was "verily believed that if her sacred Majesty was made sensible of the state of the clergy here she would consider 'em, who has extended her royal bounty to the order already, beyond all the rest of her predecessors." "It would be for the encouragement for learned and good men to go over to the plantations, and so piety and good literature would be advanced." Dated 20 July 1714.

Minuted:—"Read 26 Oct. 1714." 1 *page*.

July 20. 49. Duke of Ormonde to the Lord High Treasurer. In favour of Mr Walef who had forsaken all for the Queen's service. By the stopping payment of his pension in Ireland he was reduced to such circumstances as deserved consideration. He had distinguished himself when her Majesty's service required it. Dated St. James's, 20 July 1714.

Minuted:—"19 July 1714. The Queen will order his pencõn to be paid."

Letter from Mons. Walef on the same subject. (*French.*)

He says the Hollanders had imprisoned him and driven him from the army for following the Queen's orders. 6 *pages*.

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July 21. 1. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lord High Treasurer on petitions, one in the name of John Tasker and other under coal-meters of the port of London; the other in the name of Thomas Buttry and Thomas Bunce for themselves and other working coal-meters, containing several complaints for not being paid by the city principal coal-meters what was due to them for their service in meting coals imported into the port. Were of opinion that the agreements made with the 15 principal city coal-meters, for performing the service, and the allowance to them ½*d.* per chaldron, should be continued, and that the petitioners who were the under-meters should be left to prosecute their suit in the Court of Exchequer if they thought fit. Dated 21 July 1714.

The two petitions referred to, and four others to the Com^rs^ of Customs on the same subject. 11 *pages*.

Feb. 2– July 21. 2. Papers connected with the affairs of M^r^ J. Howe, Paymaster of the guards and garrisons, being mostly memorials for issues of money. Dated between 2 Feb. and 21 July 1714. 22 *papers*.

July 22. 3. Thomas Medlycott to [? the Lord High Treasurer]. "The private estate of y^e^ late King James (when Duke of York) was worth to be lett 22,000*l.* a year, as afterwards valued by y^e^ English Trustees of forfeitures. This (as I was informd) was settled on y^e^ Duke of York's marriage: so consequently, belonged to her Majesty as issue of that marriage. This estate King William granted away (as ye forfeiture of y^e^ late King) and heads of a bill were brought in to ye parliam^t^ of Ireland, to make good that grant. 'Twas thought hard, y^t^ ye princess should be disinherited of her own private estate. My Lord Rochester wrote to me then a member of Parliam^t^ in Ireland about it, desired me to do all I could privately to prevent it, w^th^out bringing the princesses name much in question, not to widen the distance that was then between the Courts of Kensington & S^t^ James's. I labourd heartily in it (being then Attorney General of the Palatinate), and by ye interest of ye Duke of Ormond's friends, ye bill was thrown out. The next sessions another bill was brought in, by general words to do ye same thing. That was also rejected. I am very confident that my Lord Rochester wrote to no other person in this affair but myself. I made 3 journeys over to England ab^t^ it, was introduc'd to ye princess, who did me ye honor to speak herself very graciously to me on that head, in ye presence of my Lord Marlborough. Bid me go on & from time to time write to my Lord Marlborough about that matter, & he should constantly give me answers. She was pleased to tell me she took that service kindly at that time, because (she sayd) I could then have no motive to it, but my zeal & affection to her interests. His Royall Highness the Prince of Denmark more then once condescended to acknowledge this piece of service to me. So this matter remained till the English Act took all these estates away. My Lord Marlborough, when her Maj^ty^ came to ye crown, told me of himself, the Queen has it now in her power to pay you what she owes you, & will, I know, do it very generously. I came aft[erwa]rds into the parliam^t^ of England, but ——— never after spoke to my Lord Marlborough. My Lord Rochester spoke to me often about this expence & service, and so did his Grace ye Duke of Ormond, but they not being then employ'd I never had any thing for it. 'Tis 14 years ago now, so have been out of all my expences ever since. Her Maj^ty^ will remember, y^t^ ye first motion that came to her was from my Lord Rochester, when her Maj^ty^ (then princess) was at Tunbridge. Because he makes that excuse in his first letter for not answering mine sooner, y^t^ her Royall Highness was then out of towne." Dated 22 July 1714. 3 *pages, quarto*.

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July 23. 4. Memorial of William Palmes to the Lord High Treasurer. Had delivered a memorial to his Lp for the grant of a lease of the manors of Cookham and Bray in the co. of Berks, which was referred to John Manley, Esq., the then Surveyor General, who died before he had made a report thereof. Prays that the memorial might be referred to the successor. Dated on the back 23 July 1714.

The memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

July 23. 5. Memorandum of the Controllers of the Army Accounts, containing also queries as to matters relating to the clothing of the army.

Minuted :—"23 July 1714. Read." 1 *page.*

[? About July 23.] 6. Report of the Attorney General (Northey) to the Lord High Treasurer on the representation of Mr Lovibond, Surveyor General of the late Queen Dowager (to which office he had been appointed about a year before her death), that there were then but few surveys in his office, and those so defaced that they were useless, and that he had been put to great expense in procuring and copying such surveys, and that by the sudden death of the Queen Dowager he had not been repaid. Certifying that the surveyor had paid to Mr Raynor, his predecessor, 200 guineas for surveys, &c., and advising that he should be repaid that amount.

Minuted :—"23 July 1714. The schedule to be produced to my Lord, and Mr Borrett to move the Court of Exchequer that these puc m̃imts [public muniments ?] may be đd [delivered] over to the respective audrs."

Again :—"6 Augt 1716. A wart to be drawn for paying him 200 guyneys."

The representation referred to. 4 *pages.*

July 23. 7. Notice from the South Sea Company to the Lord High Treasurer of the sums due to them at Lady day and on 24 June last; praying relief. Signed by order of the directors by "Ja. Bateman, Sub-Govr." Dated 23 July 1714. 1 *page.*

July 24. 8. Report of the Comrs for licensing hawkers, pedlars, and petty chapmen to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Robert Golightly. Petitioner had applied for a deputation without salary. They did not find the revenue had been increased by him. They were informed that petitioner was a dealer in hair, and had given a person liberty to trade without a licence for six or eight months contrary to law. Enclosed a representation by the officer appointed to inspect and survey the northern division, relating to the petitioner's management. Dated 24 July 1714.

The representation, the petition, and four other papers. 10 *pages.*

July 24. 9. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General (Northey and Raymond) to the Lord High Treasurer, on a paper in behalf of the persons who had debts in Scotland, charged upon and made payable out of the growing equivalent which should become due to Scotland after the Union. The sum of 398,085*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* was granted as an equivalent to Scotland for the customs and excise only, which were then in being, &c. Dated 24 July 1714. 2½ *pages.*

July 24. 10. W^{m} Sloper to the Lord High Treasurer. Lays before his lordship a state of the moneys taken up by the Earl of Galway in Portugal, to be made good to the land forces out of his lordship's arrear of ordinary and extraordinary entertainment, as her Majesty's ambassador there. Dated Whitehall, 24 July 1714.

The "state" referred to and four other papers connected with the same affairs. 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

July 26 and 27. 11. Royal warrant to the Lord High Treasurer for payment of 200,000*l.* out of the Receipt of the Exchequer to Thomas Moor, Esq., Receiver and Paymaster of the land forces in Minorca, Dunkirk, and Gibraltar, and other forces in the Low Countries. Dated 26 July 1714.

Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer to the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer for an order to pay the same. Dated 27 July 1714. 2 *pages.*

[About July 26.] 12. Memorial of Sir John Areskin, Sir Patrick Johnston, John Pringle, and Alex^{r} Abercromby, Esq., for themselves and other Com^{rs} of the Equivalent, to the Lord High Treasurer, praying that out of 70,000*l.* of equivalent and increase of excise, 30,000*l.* might be paid to them (the Com^{rs}), and for a general precept to all public offices, for authentic abbreviates of the produce of the respective revenues and duties under their management to be supplied, so as to be fit to be laid before parliament.

Minuted :—"26 July 1714. M^{r} Lowndes with some of the Comm^{rs} to state the case upon the Act of Parliament for M^{r} Attorney's opinion."

Also "An acco^{t} of the equivalent & encrease due out of the excise of Scotland for these seven years past." 2 *pages.*

July 27. 13. Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer to the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer for payment of the fee or salary of 1,000*l.* a year to the heirs and assigns of the late Duke of Newcastle, pursuant to the letters patent of 15 Aug. 1709, granting the duke the liberty to make a park in the Forest of Sherwood, &c. Dated 27 July 1714.

With an order for the warrant to be executed. 1¼ *pages.*

July 28. 14. Charles Carkesse for the Com^{rs} of Customs, to William Lowndes and Thomas Harley, Esq^{res}, Secretaries to the Lord High Treasurer. D^{r} Radcliff, who had purchased of the Com^{rs} the house and estate of Edward Carleton, late of "Cashalton," in the co. of Surrey, merchant, had now paid the whole purchase money, viz. 7,163*l.* The Attorney General had prepared the enclosed warrant for a grant under the broad seal to Sir Geo. Beaumont, in whose name the Doctor wished the same to be made. The Com^{rs} desired the secretaries to get the same signed that it might pass. Dated Custom House, London, 28 July 1714.

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The warrant referred to. Also an account of the penalties incurred by Edward Carleton and others [for which the estate was sold]. 12 *pages.*

July or later. 15. Additional list of the half-pay officers who have died, or been provided for, since the 25th of Dec. 1713. Showing their names, rates of payment, &c. 2 *pages.*

[? About July.] 16. Memoranda of payments in the office of Edward Nicholas, Esq. 2 *pages.*

Dates doubtful, but supposed to be before 1 Aug. 1714.

17. "A state of all the troops as well British as foreigners that were in Her Majesty's pay in the several parts of the service in the year 1711, compar'd with the present state thereof, and showing the times of reduction and disbanding the subject forces and dismissing the foreigners from her Majesty's service." 4 *large pages.*

18. Lord Falkland [to the Lord High Treasurer]. Was threatened with dismal law suits by his tradesmen. 180*l.* were due of his pension. Two thirds would contribute much to make him easy. Undated. [A pension of 200*l.* a year was granted to him on 24 Aug. 1702. See *Minute Book,* Vol. XI., p. 247.]
Minuted:—"½ a year to Xm̃as to be paid." 1 *page, quarto.*

19. Proposals offered to the House of Commons to advance the revenue 135,000*l.* per annum and upwards. Duties were proposed to be laid on charcoal, orchall, starch, sealing-wax, wafers, &c. 3 *pages.*

20. Petition of Francis Hoffman to the Queen. Had found out an expedient whereby four in five might be preserved in a general battle, and two out of three in a siege, so that the forces might charge with more courage and vigour (if possible) than they had ever been known to do. Prayed to be heard. 1 *page.*

21. Account of the confiscated estates and grants made out of them, viz., in the island of Minorca. [After the castle of St Philip had surrendered, some natives of the island who had sheltered themselves in the castle went out of it, following the contrary party, for which reason their estates were sequestered.] The particulars of the estates are given.
At the end is an account "of the grants and favours which his imperial majesty made to some persons out of the effects & produce of the confiscated estates, and which were afterwards suspended for a year by virtue of a general decree of the 2d February 1711." 9½ *pages.*

22. Schedule to an establishment for one company of invalids. 1 *page.*

23. Proposal to raise a considerable sum of money yearly for the use of the government, viz., for all common brewers, distillers, and retailers of brandy, spirits, &c., to be compelled to take yearly licences. 1 *page* (*printed*).

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24. A balance sheet of Mr Holbech's. [Treasurer of the Chamber's Office.] 2 *pages.*

25. Petition of Richard Clarke to the Queen. Sir Paul Pinder and Sir William Curteen lent King Charles I. 150,000*l.*, which they left to their relations, and after the Restoration many of the relations had not bread to eat. An Act of Parliament was obtained with letters of reprisal to receive 200,000*l.* of the Dutch, which they were to pay upon a league made between the English and them, with power of distress on their effects for non-payment, which was done by seizure of a ship laden with wine and brandy near Cowes. The seamen were condemned to death for this seizure as pirates, but pardoned by the King, who acknowledged that he had remitted the 200,000*l.* to his highness the then Prince of Orange, for a dowry with his princess, and desired the ship to be delivered to prevent a war. He also paid 500*l.* to Carew, and promised to pay gradually 500*l.* or 1,000*l.* at a time till the whole was discharged, &c. No more money was paid. Carew died very poor. Asked for a place or charitable allowance. 1 *page.*

26. Petition of Arthur Bush, Secretary to the Revenue, to the Queen, praying that his salary for himself and clerks should be raised from 300*l.* to 500*l.* per annum. 1 *page.*

27. Petition of John Hill, Gent., late one of the clerks of the Victualling Office, to the House of Commons, praying to be examined at the bar of the house, to lay before the house the papers he had lodged with the Comrs of Victualling, to prove his allegations as to abuses in that office. 1 *page.*

28. Affidavit of John Elphinstone that he had constantly attended at the Cottonian Library since the year 1706, when he received a deputation to take care of the same. Had attended most of the lords and bishops and other lords and gentlemen of North as well as South Britain. Dr Bentley who lived there had never intermeddled with the library, nor had any key of the presses. Conceived he deserved 50*l.* a year for his trouble. 1 *page.*

29. A representation from the Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland relating to the customers. Signed J. Smith and J. Scrope. With notes in the margin opposite the heads which required the consideration of the English Treasury. 3 *pages.*

30. Memorial on behalf of the Bishop of Killaloe, praying that he might receive the revenues of the Bishopric of Raphoe "from the time of its avoidance." 1 *page.*

31. Memorial of Lady Letitia Russell to the Lord High Treasurer. 7,000*l.* were due to her upon an annuity of 600*l.* per ann. out of 1,500*l.* per ann. reserved in a grant of quit rents made to Katherine, Countess of Dorchester. Praying payment of 300*l.*, and that the tenants might be ordered to pay to her the sums remaining unpaid by them.

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33. J. Pym (for the Directors of the South Sea Company) to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning army and transport debentures for the service of the late war, subscribable to the South Sea Company. 1 *page.*

34. Petition of Richard Hayward, messenger, to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford). Since Lady day 1711 had ridden many long foreign journeys, frequently to the hazard of his life, in Poland, Germany, Spain, France, Holland, &c. There was due to him from Midsummer 1713, for foreign journeys, &c., 175*l.* Prayed that it might be paid in specie. 1 *page.*

35. "An estimate of new planting several lines and 'platons' of elms and 'abeals' in her Majesty's Bushey Park, at Hampton Court, and also making a figure hedge work of very large evergreen plants in the Wilderness, belonging to the palace, to face the iron gates that are to be placed to take the middle line of the great avenue that runs through the said park, viz., one pair at the said Wilderness Gate, and the other opposite, at the entrance into the said park." Signed :—" Hen. Wise." 1 *page.*

36. A paper docquetted :—" Serj^{t} Richardson's opinion about the cake soap," sent to M^{r} Lowndes. At the foot is a letter on some proposition in parliament to tax soap. 1½ *pages, much decayed.*

37. "Extract of her Majesty's instructions to the governor of Maryland," [John Hart, Esq.] 2 *pages.*

38. " Mem^{ll} of the Under Governo^{r} & Dep^{ty} Gov^{r} of S. S. Comp^{a}" to the Lord High Treasurer (Oxford), praying for power to be inserted in their commission to return duplicates of the interest of the first and second subscriptions, &c. and to finish whatever ought to have been done by the Com^{rs} in the former commissions, &c. 2 *pages.*

39. A scheme of her Majesty's several gardens and plantations as now kept up, and as each division requires to be upheld, viz., at Hampton Court, Kensington, Windsor, and New Market. Also an account of the tools and materials required. 3 *pages.*

40. " What appears at y^{e} Treasury relating to the Assiento contract," being an abstract of certain warrants and other papers touching that contract. 1½ *pages, quarto.*

41. "Several papers relating to the island of Minorca." The following table of the contents is given at the beginning :—" State of the island of Minorca, by Henry Neale, surveyor of the island.

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43. Petition of John Shaw, keeper in the forest of Salsey, in the county of Northampton, praying to have his lodge, &c. repaired. 1 *page.*

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